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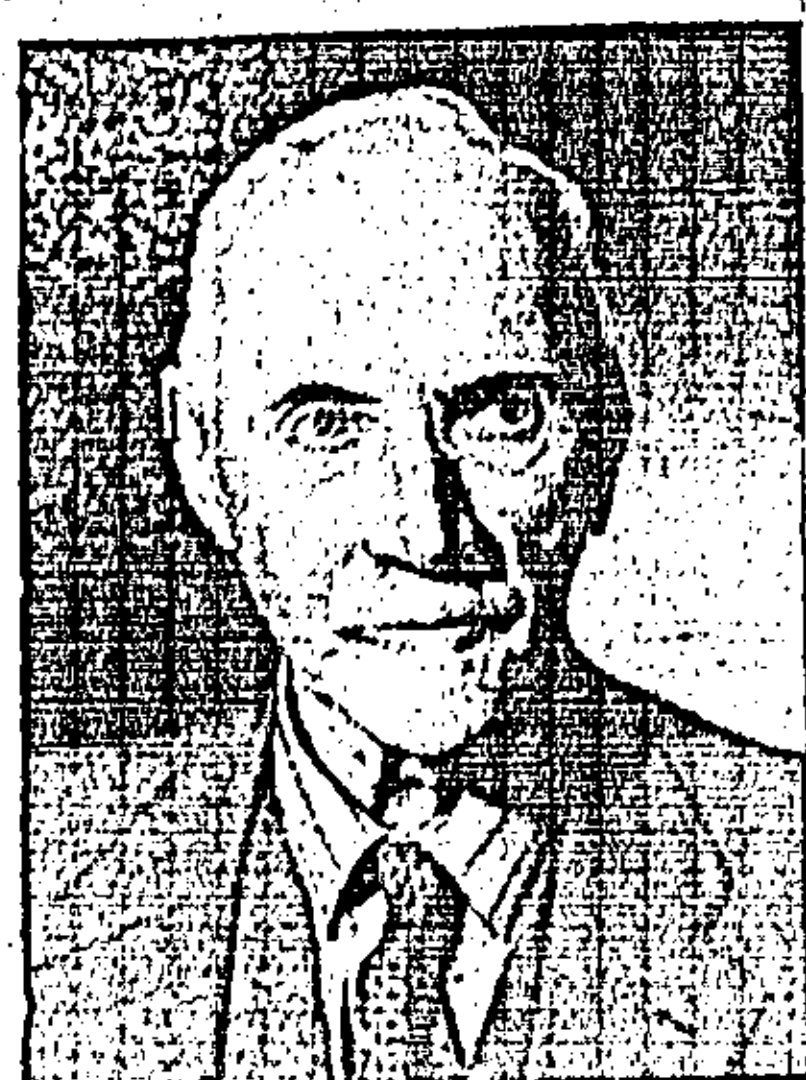
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GENERAL SMUTS

## Election Defeat For Smuts

### Loses Seat After 24 Years

Capetown, May 27.—General Smuts, South African Prime Minister since 1933, lost the seat he had held for 24 years today, and it seemed clear tonight that neither his United Party, nor the Nationalist Opposition would gain a clear majority in the South African elections.

General Smuts lost his constituency, Standerton, by 224 votes to a Nationalist opponent.

Dr. Malan, the Nationalist leader, retained his seat by a majority of nearly 4,000.

A swing towards the Nationalists in the country districts, where polling was as high as 90 percent, reduced the United Party's earlier lead of nearly three to one until, with 30 seats outstanding, the state of the parties was: United Party 61; Nationalists 43; Afrikaner 18; Labour 18.

General Smuts needed a total of 76 seats to make victory certain.

General Smuts—has twice been Prime Minister. He has served as South Africa's Premier without a break since 1933.

He first became Prime Minister in 1919, serving until 1924. His first ministerial appointment in the Union was as Minister of the Interior and Defence in 1910.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN DEMANDS 4-WEEK ARMISTICE

### Final Move For Palestine Peace

### ABDULLAH VISITS JERUSALEM

Lake Success, May 27.—Britain demanded tonight a four week armistice in Palestine and peaceful settlement of the Holy Land conflict. Britain made a final move for peaceful mediation between Arabs and Jews after Russia called on the United Nations Security Council for the strongest possible action to force an end to the fighting.

Sir Alexander Cadogan gave the Council a resolution apparently drafted by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in London after conferences there with the United States Ambassador. In a long policy statement to the Council, Sir Alexander said that if this attempt at peaceful solution failed, Britain would be ready to go along with the other nations on strong enforcement measures.

In the resolution, Sir Alexander called on both Jews and Arabs to order a cessation of all acts of armed force for a period of four weeks.

In the draft, apparently designed to overcome Arab objections to an unconditional cease fire, he also demanded that both sides stop introducing fighting men and material into Palestine during the four-week period.

Before Sir Alexander Cadogan spoke, M. Andrei A. Gromyko, of Russia called for drastic orders aimed at ending the Palestine war within 30 hours. M. Gromyko renewed the United States demand for the sharpest possible UN action against the fighting Arabs and Jews.

**SEVERE BATTLE**  
Cairo, May 27.—The most hotly contested battle of the Palestine war was reported being fought tonight along the Jerusalem road to Tel-Aviv.

Inside the old city of Jerusalem, dispatches from the city said, Arab Legion infantry at last fought its way inside the great domed Hurva synagogue, defended for 11 days by a band of desperate fanatics, and raised the Arab flag. The dispatches said the Jews were scattered over a 200 square yard area of rubble as the Legion moved in.

under cover of armoured cars shortly after noon.

The voice of Jerusalem, a Hagannah station in the besieged city, said thousands of soldiers on both sides had been thrown into combat in a wide area around Latrun, former British Interim camp for Jews, and Bab el Wad, a gorge 15 miles west of Jerusalem.

Jewish censorship blocked out all news of the combat from Tel-Aviv, but Jerusalem dispatches 24 hours old said the centre of the battle for Jerusalem was shifting to the strategic highway. Arab Legion forces from Jerusalem were being rushed to the area, it was reported.

Arab political sources in Cairo indicated the Egyptian army was taking up the main operation against Jerusalem. They said—the Egyptian Army, sided by Arab legionnaires and irregulars, attacked the city from the south this morning. A Tel-Aviv communique, tonight, however, indicated the Jews launched sharp counter attacks, possibly to Jerusalem, drove out of the Egyptian offensive. The communique said the Arabs had been driven out of Mar Elias monastery on the Bethlehem road and that Ramat Rehal again was in Jewish hands.—Associated Press

### ABDULLAH IN HOLY CITY

Jerusalem, May 27.—King Abdullah of Transjordan, Commander-in-Chief of the Arab armies in Palestine, drove into Jerusalem today while the last pocket of Jews in the great Synagogue in the Old City felt the choking smoke and the heat of flames when Arab Legion supporters blew up large buildings used by Jewish resistance men.

With United Nations circles hopeful that new measures may be found to bring about a settlement of the Palestine issue, Jews caught in the Old City of Jerusalem were fighting their last battle.

One of the final points of resistance from the Jews appears to be in the area of the Great Synagogue, which Arab forces have so far not yet attacked. The Legion Commander in the Holy City has given orders to his Legionnaires to occupy the Synagogue but not to blow it up unless it is confirmed that the Jews are using it as a strong point. King Abdullah's entry into Jerusalem came about when the Transjordan ruler and commander of all Arab forces in Palestine paid a visit to his son, Emir Nuri, who is serving with the Arab Legion. It was the King's first visit to Jerusalem since the Legion entered Palestine.

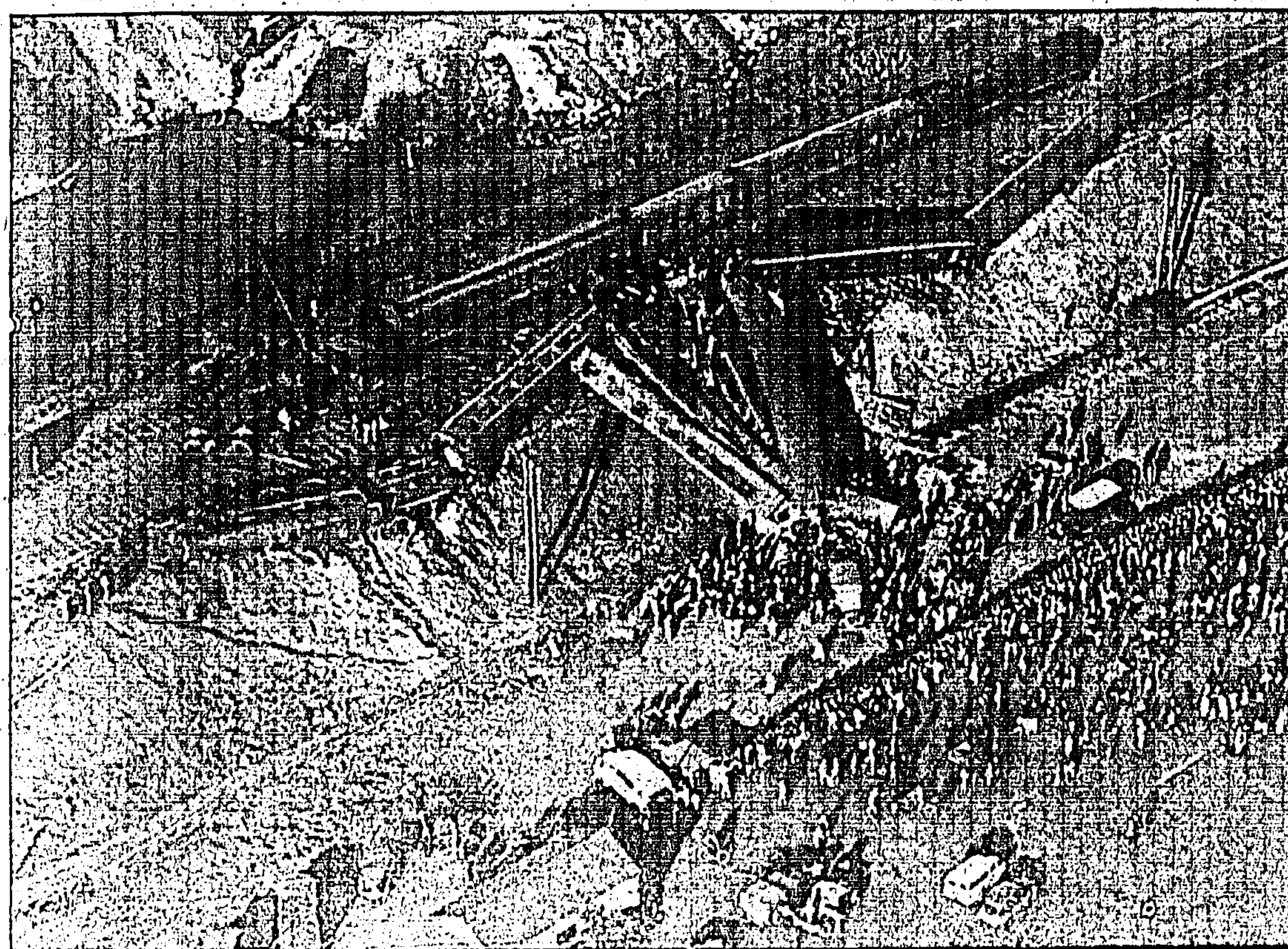
United Nations Security Council delegates, meanwhile, had before them tonight the question whether aggression had taken place in Palestine and if so, what measures to take after yesterday's Arab counter-proposals to the cease-fire order.

The United States delegation consulted Washington before tonight's crucial meeting of the Council.

### LONDON MEETING

In London, the Cabinet met to discuss Britain's attitude, and Foreign Minister Mr. Bevin had his fourth meeting with the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, and was received in audience by the King.

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## VIETNAM CABINET ANNOUNCED

Paris, May 27.—General Nguyen Van Xuyen becomes Defence Minister as well as Premier of the Provisional Government of Vietnam, according to a list of ministries which has been submitted to the ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam.

Reporting this from Saigon, the French News Agency said today that M. Tran Van Huu, former Minister of Labour in South Vietnam, was named Vice-Premier.

Nine of the 22 ministers are from the southern provinces, seven from the north, and six from the central provinces, the report said.

Appointments to Ministries included: Justice—Nguyen Khao Ve, now Minister of Justice in the South Vietnam Government; Interior—M. Nguyen Hu Tric, former Mandarin of Tonkin; Finance—M. Nguyen Tuong Lang, brother of a former Finance Minister in the Government of Ho Chi Minh, who now leads the Vietminh (Indo-Chinese Autonomy) movement in conflict with the French authorities.

### GOVERNORS APPOINTED

Minister of State—M. Le Van Houch, a former president of the South Vietnam Government. He is a cad-dai, a devotee to the new native religion founded in 1920, and largely compounded of Buddhist precepts organised in a Christian-style framework.

Besides being given the Vice-Premiership, M. Tran Van Huu was said to have been appointed Governor of South Vietnam.

Other Governors named were: North Vietnam—M. Nguyen Xuyen Thien, President of the Vietnam National Rally;

Central Vietnam—M. Phan Van Giao, an Annamite Catholic who works closely with the ex-Emperor.—Reuter.

## Gun Battle Near Canton

Canton, May 28.—A gun battle, lasting for some ten hours, was fought out between Government troops and a group of armed bandits last Sunday along the Canton-Taungfa highway, according to belated reports reaching here.

The battle occurred when the bandits were preparing for an attack on three lorries travelling from Canton to Taungfa, 60 miles north of this city.

Soon after the first shots were fired, the bandits, estimated originally to number 20, obtained speedy reinforcements. The Government troops held their own and, in turn, were reinforced.

After battling for ten hours, the bandits withdrew, leaving 40 killed and wounded behind. Two soldiers were wounded.

A report from Namhung, beyond Taungfa, states that it is officially revealed a total of 7,500 "bandits" have deserted their leaders, and are now participating in the Government's anti-Communist campaign in their respective areas.—Reuter.

Eight of the 300 passengers lost their lives recently when six coaches of the London-Bradford train crashed down an embankment near Mexborough, Yorkshire. Picture shows rescuers tunnelling for trapped passengers while ambulances stand by. Two coaches of the wrecked train hang down the embankment. Splintered coaches are sandwiched between them. One locomotive lies on its side while another, overturned, is out of range of this air picture.

## Big Award For Inventor

London, May 27.—The British Government tonight awarded £100,000 tax free to Air Commodore Frank Whittle for his part in developing jet engines.

Whittle, 41, had refused to claim a penny from the Crown because he was serving in the RAF while he perfected jet propulsion and improved auxiliary gas turbine and air compressor designs.

The sum was recommended by the Royal Commission on awards to inventors and approved by the Treasury and Ministry of Supply. Whittle's award was more than eight times as much as the Commission's previous highest award—£12,000 to Sir Donald Bailey, inventor of the war time Bailey bridge.—Associated Press.

Bombay, May 27.—The newspaper, National Standard, tonight reported that six persons were killed and 40 wounded when police fired on a rowdy crowd of 5,000 in Sargah Orissa Province.—Associated Press.



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### EDITORIAL

## Social Welfare Services

THE gradual integration of the Colony's social welfare services, and Government's closer liaison with them, are progressive developments which must, in the long run, prove beneficial to the community. Hongkong's social welfare problems are not wholly unique, but peculiar circumstances, and a not inconsiderable degree of public apathy, have long presented special difficulties to those who would endeavour to tackle them. It has been held that basically, social welfare and economic prosperity cannot be separated. Good health, good houses, good food, good water—these are the elements of social welfare and they cannot be had except on the basis of a sound and stable economic system. If this be axiomatic, it can, in practice also become paradoxical. The Colony is proud of its sound and stable economic system, but it has little reason for pride in its development of social welfare. The great mass of its people are relatively unhealthy, certainly are not possess good food in abundance and it is very expensive. It must be admitted, however, that a variety of factors and circumstances have influenced and retarded the health, wealth and happiness (which constitute the sum of social services) of the Colony as a community. Firstly, Government for so many years remained aloof from the vital problems, never attempted to formulate a state-manlike policy in dealing with overcrowding and slums, and left the "donkey work" to the voluntary organisations, contenting itself with not

excessively generous charitable donations from general revenue. The official apathy has, not unnaturally, extended its influence to the public as a whole; moreover, large sections of the population are ignorant and unconscious either of desirability or necessity of improved social conditions. Against comparative official indifference and heart-breaking public ignorance the Colony's social welfare organisation have had a difficult time. Today the signs are more encouraging. Government's interest in social welfare is taking positive and active form. The appointment of a welfare officer to carry out liaison work between the welfare organisations and Government gives much needed official recognition to those voluntary bodies and helps them to avoid overlapping and redundancy in their activities. Nevertheless it must be recognized that social welfare is a community effort; where the public has a part to play in bringing those services to the maximum degree of effectiveness. Hongkong has its public-spirited philanthropists but with the Colony's present wealth—visible and invisible—it should be able to produce more of them. Social services must be paid for, and where it is welfare work on behalf of the depressed classes, (work which has not yet become State controlled) its chief support must be derived from those who are in a position to give it. Truly it has been said that a self-conscious and self-respecting community will have the will and find a way to possess the social services it wants. This represents a challenge to Hongkong.





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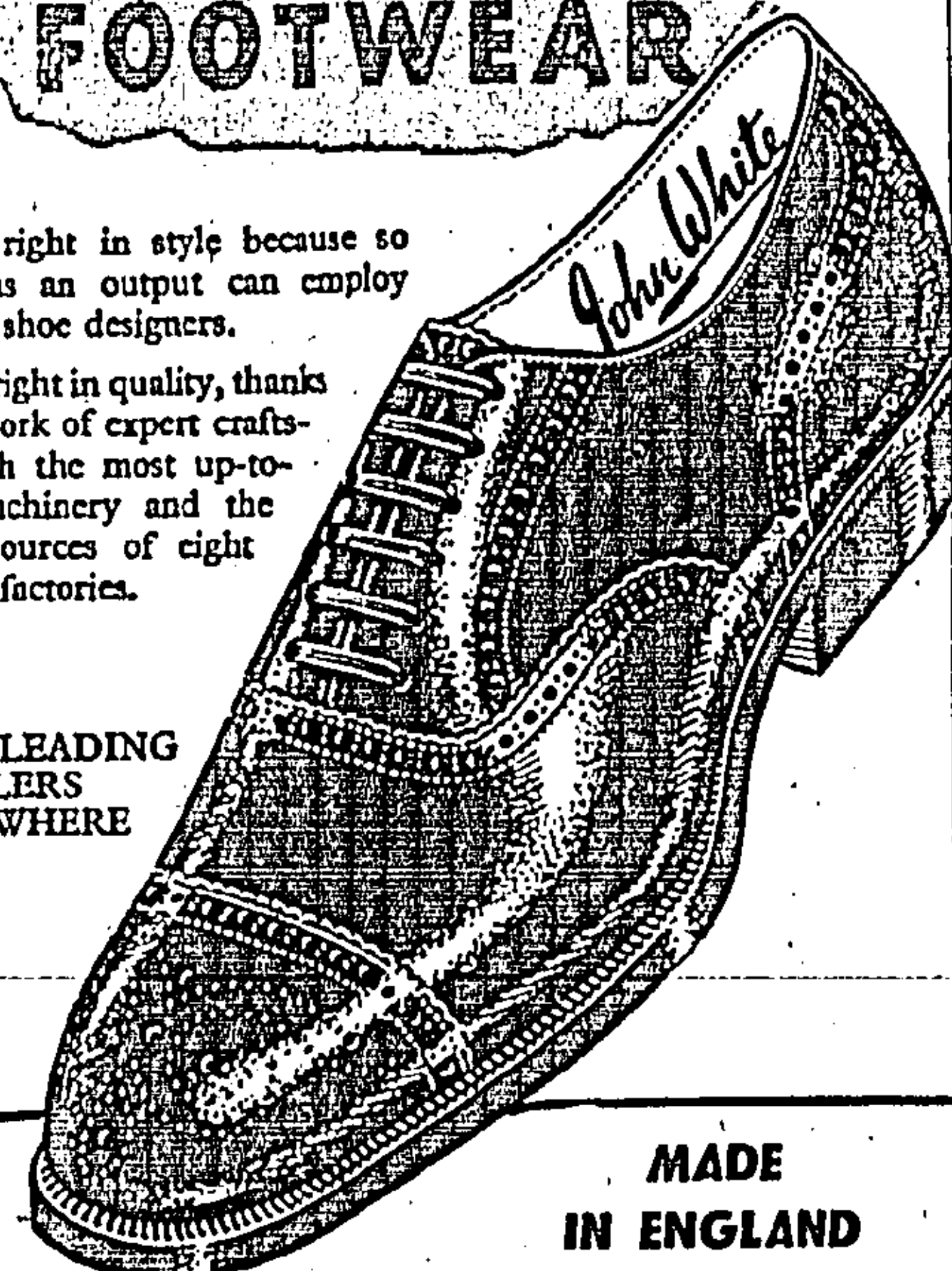
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## Around The "Children" Fashion Show

With Mercia Hilaly

... but there's string-pulling at this

EVENING STANDARD FASHION REPORTER

"Knock", presented by the French ADC, came up for full dress rehearsal at the China Fleet Club last night before a small audience of representatives of local Chinese amateur dramatic groups who were there on invitation.

The play is enjoyable for several reasons, mainly I believe, for the onlooker's sense of relief that he is not one of Dr. Knock's patients and can observe with detachment, the gullibility of humankind. Then there are several very amusing characters well-portrayed in that inimitable French manner. The producer, energetic Jacques Gensburger, has put some novel ideas into practice in the first scene.

There will be only one performance tonight in the presence of H.E. The Governor & Lady Grantham and the theatre promises to be full, as over seventy per cent of the tickets have already been sold.

At the reception for Cardinal Spellman at the Hongkong Hotel last night, Catholics had the unique honour of kissing the Cardinal's ring and having his blessing. The graph hunters also kept His Eminence very busy.

Two keen philatelists were introduced to one another at the reception when Cardinal Spellman and Mr. J. H. B. Lee, our acting Postmaster General found much in common to discuss.

There are several amateur dramatic groups, both Chinese and foreign in this city, and it is Mr. E. B. Brasher-Cragh's idea to bring their representatives together at the Public Relations Office on June 1, to form a society to be known as the Sino-British Club Dramatic Group.

The main objects of this Society will be to give every encouragement to these various groups and to aim for the highest attainable standard of public entertainment in this Colony. The awarding of an Oscar for outstanding performances to come, is also under consideration.



Here are the operators—



—and here is a puppet.

## Hawaii Gives New York New Ideas On Slimming

NEW YORK.—Momikal, who comes from Lahaina, is showing New York how they trim down a waistline in Hawaii.

All you have to do is aml, uche and kalakua.

All Hawaiian girls are adept at aml. That's what Momikal says and she adds it explains the slim waists and shapely legs of the hula dancers.

Uche and kalakua help—out—too. So if you want to look like a wahini (girl) or kane (man) on the beach this summer, listen to Momikal's revelation of the secrets of her islands.

"Aml is really very simple," said Pearl of the Sea, which is what Momikal means. "It's the circular motion of the hips in the hula. It's supposed to represent the ceaseless rolling of the sea up on the shores of the islands. It's the

basic hula step and we sometimes call it 'around the island'."

She flashed a little smile of white teeth and played a carnation into her black, glistening hair.

"Like this," she said. Her hips revolved in a fluid rhythm first clockwise and then counter-clockwise.

"See my 'waist'?" she queried. "See how slender it is. This motion works off all the excess fat."

Momikal—recommends—grabbing two bedposts or standing in a doorway holding on to each side. Now move the hips to the left and around to the right and around and around. Try to keep the upper body still, leaving the rotation to the middle.

But how about the legs, Momikal?

"Ah," she said, "the legs. That's where uche comes in. You do it like this."

### Customers Like It

She parted her hula skirt and customers of the Hawaiian Room of the Lexington Hotel promptly crowded around Momikal, who was flown from Honolulu by the management, apologized because her grass skirt was ersatz, instead of the traditional ti-leaves.

"Flat on your feet," she instructed, "now bend your knees slightly, like a quarter knee-bend. Then suddenly snap on to your toes. Straighten up and repeat. But all this time you must remember to keep your hips moving in aml. Done well its beautiful and practical."

Everybody watched Momikal's hips until they were pleasantly dizzy.

"Those two are all you need," she said, "to keep in shape—along with proper foods. But if you want to make sure you can do the kalakua, stand erect doing the aml. Then step forward on your right foot, rest your weight on it an instant. Push with the right foot forward on the left foot. Repeat the process."

But don't forget to do that aml all the time.

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## Pretty teeth, pretty smile



Movie Star Janis Carter's naturally charming smile is enhanced by her pretty teeth.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NOBODY ever has to urge a movie star to seek the professional attentions of the dentist twice a year. Beautiful teeth are a part of her stock in trade. She makes her little pilgrimage for examination and repair every three months. She doesn't take a chance of anything happening to her biters.

The health in general depends upon sound teeth, since digestion begins in the mouth and the vitality of the body is dependent upon thorough mastication which is not properly performed if the teeth are sensitive or in a state of decay. This, apart from the very important matter of appearance, for fine teeth is a dazzling detail of beauty wealth.

**Sweep Downward**  
When you brush your teeth, place the bristles of the brush at the gums, sweep downward with a

shimmying motion, using enough pressure to scour the sides of the teeth. Dentists have a way of knowing whether or not you are a thorough scrubber. They claim that the side sections are neglected generally and it is there, close to the gums, where the bacteria hide.

Brush only a small portion at a time. Don't overlook the inner surface or the ends. While brushing, does not insure against decay, it does reduce the number of germs that are ever lurking around the premises.

After each meal your pearly teeth should be freed of food deposits that change in character within a few hours, forming chemicals that are detrimental to the gums as well as the teeth. Also, you should use a mouth wash freely. When you brush your teeth, make them shine. A casual swishing of the bristles is not enough.

## Chirpie Sparrow's Visit

—He Went to See His City Cousin—

By MAX TRELL

CHIRPIE Sparrow came to the window-sill for his crumbs. As soon as they heard him chirping, Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, went to the window to greet him.

"Ah, howdy, howdy!" said Chirpie. "It's good to see you! I had a wonderful adventure yesterday! I went to visit my Cousin Flippy, who lives in the city! You can't imagine what wonderful things I saw!"

Knarf and Hanid were eager to hear what Chirpie Sparrow saw on his visit to his Cousin Flippy.

**Cousin Flippy's Apartment**  
"Well," said Chirpie, "the first thing that was wonderful was Cousin Flippy's apartment. It was on a ledge under the roof of a great white building. The building was so high that I was almost out of breath flying to it. So I asked Flippy why didn't he live in a tree, like birds usually did?"

"Live in a tree?" Flippy exclaimed. "In the city birds don't live in trees!"

"Why don't they?" I asked. "Because," answered Flippy, "in the city there aren't any trees. Just look for yourself, Cousin Chirpie. Do you see any growing down this street?"

"So I gazed down the street where Cousin Flippy's building stood.

**Plenty of Trees**  
"Why!" I exclaimed the next instant. "I see plenty of trees!"

"Do you really?" said Cousin Flippy in surprise.

"Indeed I do! They're tall and thin. They're not like regular country trees with leaves and branches, because they don't seem to have any leaves at all. But they have got one branch right at the top! And there's a big white flower hanging from every branch."

"Oh," said Cousin Flippy. "Those aren't trees, Cousin Chirpie. What? What are they, then?"

"Lamp-posts. They light up at night. And they're made of iron. They I looked again," Chirpie went on, "because I was sure that I would be able to find some trees in the city. Finally I saw some. I



Cousin Flippy showed Chirpie a tree that was growing in a pot on his window sill.

pointed them out to Cousin Flippy. "Do you see them? They're not regular trees either. But they're tall and straight and they're all wood. They haven't any leaves or branches. But at the top there are all kinds of long wires stretching from one tree to the next one, all the way down the street, as far as you can see!"

"My dear Cousin Chirpie, those aren't trees, though they once used to be."

"What are they?"

**Telephone Poles**  
"Telephone poles!"

"And didn't you find any trees in the city?" Knarf and Hanid asked Chirpie at last.

Chirpie nodded. "Yes, Cousin Flippy showed me one. It was growing in a little clay pot that stood on the window-sill just under the ledge where Cousin Flippy lived. It belonged to a little girl. She watered it every day. It wasn't a very big tree. But it had leaves and branches. It wasn't very much—but it was real. I was very glad to see it!"

And Chirpie finish his story, and finished his crumbs, and chirped good-day, and flew over the garden, as happy a lark though he was only a sparrow.

## QUICKWINK RIDDERS

HI, WAY!

When is a good road a bad road? When it's a — road.

Do the puzzle and find the missing word.

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Read down: 1—Cats await them. 2—Additional. 3—Sometimes hides behind a cloud. 4—To fall to hit. 5—Bull.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**OLD DRESS, MODERN WEAPON**—Hassan Arish, armed with an American sub-machine gun, stands guard on the Jaffa Road on the outskirts of Jerusalem. An Arab national guardsman, he wears the ancient Arab costume.



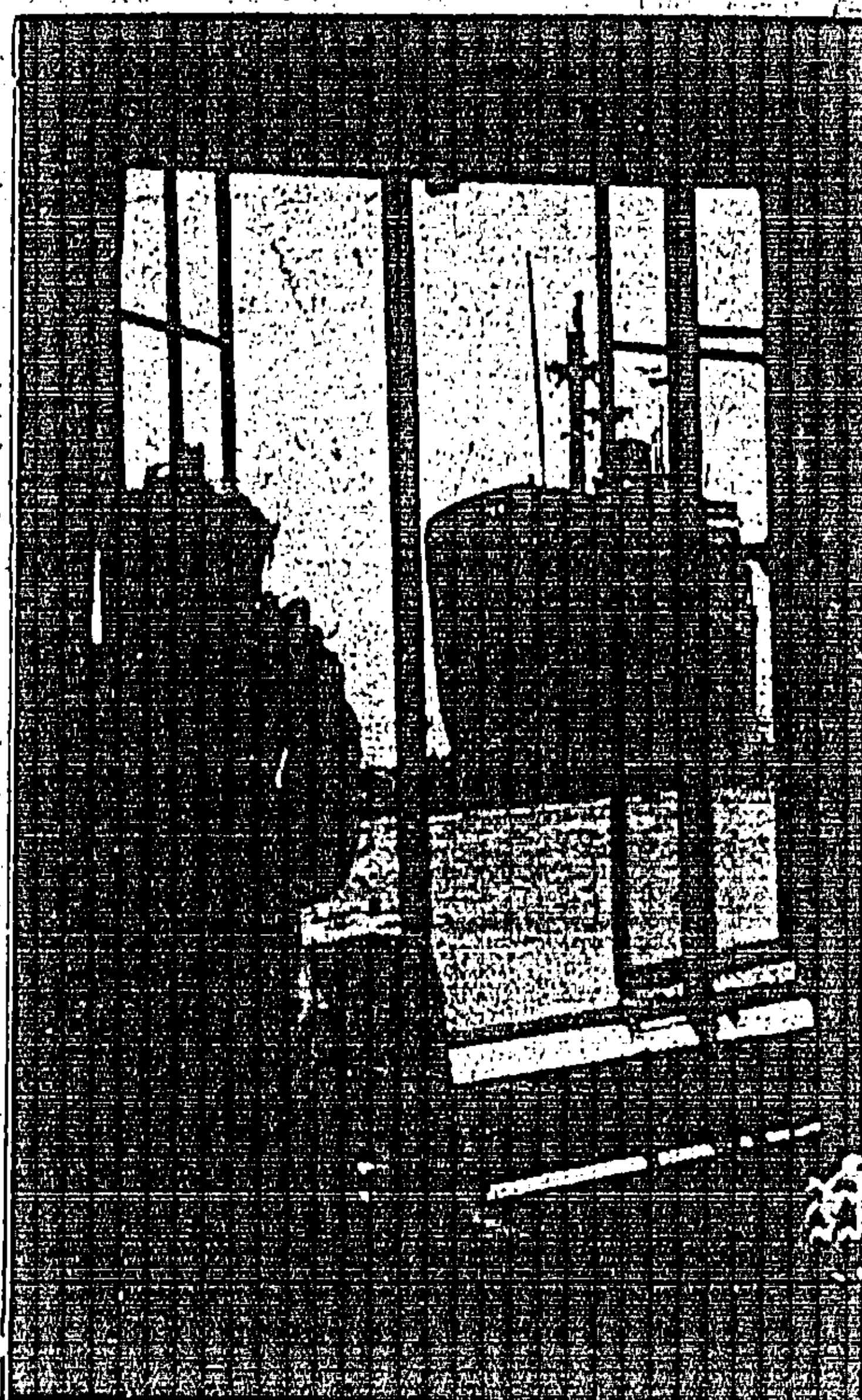
**BRITISH BEAUTIES**—These three, who are among England's loveliest beauties, add an extra touch of charm to the English countryside. Left to right are Zena Marshall, Peggy Evans and Tamara Lees, all film actresses.



**FLYING DOCTOR**—Modern medicine man to 5,000 Indians in Canada's northland is Dr. Cameron Corrigan, who often flies 300 miles in one direction to visit a patient, then flies 200 miles in another direction to reach his next case. Here he holds medical inspection in Central Manitoba.



**AIRCRAFT WORKERS STRIKE AT SEATTLE**—Pickets at the gates of the Boeing Aeroplane Company in Seattle, when 13,800 workers struck to support the Aeronautical Mechanics' Union demand for a wage increase. Swing shift workers (right) leave the plant while graveyard shift workers stand by (left), refusing to cross the picket line.



**ALMOST IN THE LIVING ROOM**—Shooting through a window of his home on the beach at Coney Island, a lad gets a good shot of the Liberty ship, Charles Tufts, lying fast on the rocks after it struck a jetty. Efforts to free the vessel were suspended until high tide.



**WOMEN FROM MARS?**—These girls look more like a trio from Mars than starlets in a Los Angeles ice show. They are here preparing to dive for a swim. The masks aren't to disguise themselves, but are a part of their underwater equipment.

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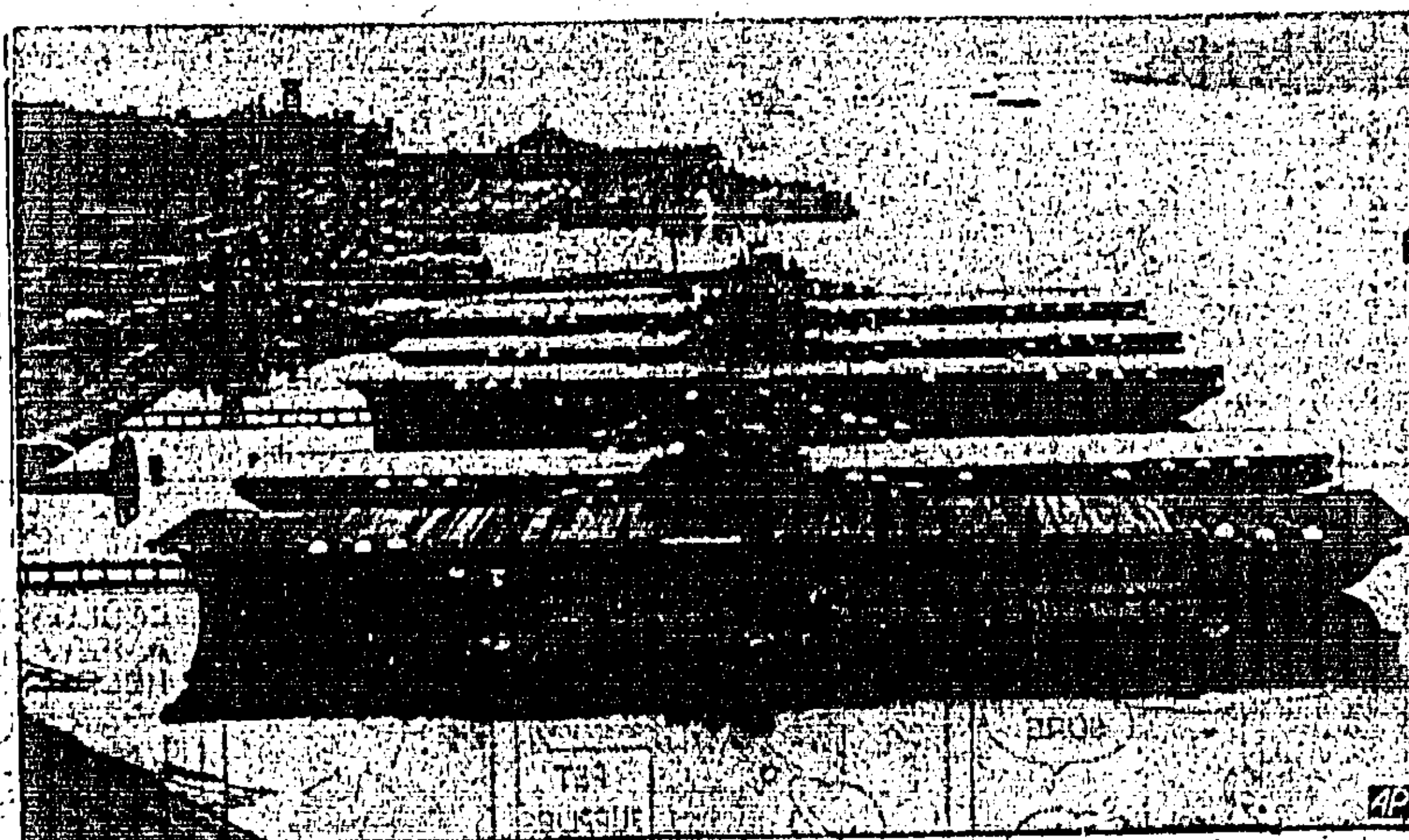
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**TAYLOR JOINS WELCOME**—Senator Glen H. Taylor (left) of Idaho, running mate of Henry A. Wallace on the third party ticket, speaks with Alexander S. Panyushkin, Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., at a dinner of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship given in honour of the Ambassador in New York.



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## HOW AMERICANS ELECT THEIR PRESIDENTS

BY WILLIAM R. SEARS

United Press Staff Correspondent

ASIDE from reasons of international interest, the American elections this autumn will be of vital concern to every one of the 140,000,000 persons living in the 48 United States.

Every village, town and city will be affected as voters show their preferences for aspirants to office—from the highest in the land to the lowest.

The U.S. Constitution—supreme law of the land—guarantees not only the basic rights of free speech, assembly, press, worship, etc. It also guarantees the right to vote and how that vote may be translated into an administration of the Constitution.

To understand how American electoral processes on the national level affect the lives of Americans, a small outline of government is in order.

### THREE BRANCHES

THREE separate branches of government are described in the Constitution—the Judiciary, the Legislative and Executive.

The Legislative branch makes the laws, although many judges gain office by election. It is topped by the Supreme Court, a nine-man body charged with seeing that Constitutional principles are justly applied.

The legislative branch makes the laws through Congress, a body of two houses. The Executive branch, headed by the President, enforces those laws.

A President, naturally, prefers officials of his own political views in Congress, so that his theories for national welfare will be embodied in their legislation. But the government is so constituted that Congressional will must be overwhelming to deny the Presidential will, while he is powerless to act on anything without Congressional authority.

On top of this, the people have an opportunity every two years to voice their feelings at the polls about the performance of their representatives—returning supporters of the President if they so choose, or electing opponents to his programme.

### TWO HOUSES

THE President and his advisers may conceive an emergency aid programme for Europe, but only Congress can enact the laws disbursing the money.

This Congress consists of two houses—the Senate and House of Representatives. Representation in each has been planned so that each of the 48 states will receive the greatest possible opportunity to express the will of people residing in them.

Some states are larger than others. Some states, while large, have sparse populations. To deal with the pro-

blem adequately, the Senate is composed of two Senators from each state—thus assuring equality for statehood in the upper house. Texas, for example, is larger than all of France. But Rhode Island is very small. Each is equally represented in the Senate.

On the other hand, the House of Representatives, or lower house, is apportioned on the basis of population. Wyoming, for instance, has twice the area of New York. But New York's population of over 13,000,000 is about 52 times greater. Therefore, New York—on a pro rata basis—gets 45 representatives, and Wyoming qualifies for its minimum of one.

Senators serve six years. Representatives two years. And, it is so arranged, that at least one-third of the 96 Senators come up for election every two years.

The year of a Presidential election, then, concerns not only the President and Vice-President, but one-third of the Senate and, for all practical purposes, the entire House. Many other federal elective positions are at stake, too.

### KEEN INTEREST

NATURALLY, the entire country takes a keen interest in the election of the nation's topmost officials. But to make the elections even more interesting, a whole host of lesser officials face their constituents at the ballot box.

Each of the 48 states is headed by a governor. Tenure varies from state to state, with 26 having four-year terms, 21 having two-year terms and one, New Jersey, having a three-year term.

Several four-year governorships coincide with the Presidential four-year cycle, and this year 34 governorships are at stake. If this were not enough to make a year of nation-wide voting important, there are a whole host of other state offices in addition to municipal, village and country elections. These contribute to make it a year when politics are at their height.

For 88 years, the United States has had but two important political parties—the Republican and the Democratic. While but a small portion of the electorate joins either of these as active party workers, a great segment of the population identifies itself with one party or the other.

This is true to the extent that many voters make a habit of voting "the straight ticket." This is another way of saying that the voter votes for every candidate running in the name of his party. This is true of a drifting vote, which shifts from one party to another, depending on the issues involved and various personal considerations.

Hence, it is very common for a popular Presidential candidate to sweep into office with him a great number of minor functionaries. In "off-years," many of these lesser officials must rely on their merit alone.

Political experts realise that in a Presidential year, the entire political climate of the nation can be determined within 24 hours.

### PHENOMENON

WHILE the Democrats and Republicans busily prepare themselves for the contest, it is noteworthy that never since the Civil War of 1860-65 has any party but the Republican or Democratic installed a candidate in the White House.

A candidate for the American Presidency can poll a smaller number of votes than his chief opponent—and yet win the highest office in the land.

This phenomenon is due to the workings of an American voting procedure for the top executive office, "The Electoral College" system.

It once happened that way—in 1876. But political experts think a repetition this year is unlikely.

There are 60,000,000 eligible voters in the American population of 140,000,000. Main qualifications require a voter to be a citizen, over 21-years-old, have no record of arrest for felony and meet local residence requirements.

Mainly because of voting delinquency, no more than half of the eligibles have ever cast ballots. And this year, the 50,000,000 expected to turn out will constitute the largest electorate in the nation's history.

When the voters living in the 48 states cast their ballots, they signify their preferences for candidates by name. But actually, their votes are counted behind the names of "electors." When a candidate polls the majority of popular votes in a given state, all of that state's electors are counted for him.

### ELECTORAL VOTES

THE number of electoral votes allotted to each of the 48 states is computed by adding the number of Senators to the number of Representatives from that state. Each state, of course, is equally represented in the Senate with two. But population differences—the basis for representation in the House—give some states more Representatives than others.

New York's population of over 13,000,000 qualifies that state for 45 Representatives. This plus two Senators gives New York 47 electoral votes in the "Electoral College."

Wyoming, on the other hand, has such a sparse population it qualifies only for the minimum of one Representative. With two Senators, this makes three electoral votes.

This electoral college acts purely as an administrative affairs when the Presidency is being contested, and then lapses into inactivity for another four years. But it holds the country's political future in the balance.

It is a majority in this body that determines the winning candidate—the popular vote notwithstanding.

It is conceivable, then, that a candidate could eke out victory in the popular balloting in states having great blocs of electoral votes. And then, he could trail hopelessly in the states having small Electoral College representation. Overall national balloting might show the country at large favoured his opponent, but popular victory in the crucial states would give him the election popular victory in the election nevertheless.

The widely-cited instance of this is the election of 1876. Samuel J. Tilden polled over 250,000 more popular votes than his opponent, Rutherford B. Hayes. In the states Hayes lost, he was badly beaten. But in those he won—and they were the big ones—he won by enough to have them counted in his favour. The count in the Electoral College was 185 for Hayes, 164 for Tilden.

### CREW IN SIZE

RESULT: Hayes was declared winner and went on to survive the ensuing protest and take his place in the White House. The United States began with but 13—the original colonies—and expanded to the present number of 48. Naturally, the size of the Electoral College grew until now there are 96 Senators and 435 Representatives.

So today, the Electoral College consists of 531 votes, and the winning candidate must poll a majority—266 or more.

As a matter of fact, a candidate need win only 12 states to gain 266 electoral votes. It is interesting to study the results of the last Presidential election, in 1944, to show how a candidate could win that way.

In 1944, when Franklin D. Roosevelt won over Thomas E. Dewey, the total number of popular votes cast was 48,925,084.

President Roosevelt won overwhelmingly in the Electoral College with 432 votes as compared to 99 for Dewey. But his popular majority was little more than 3,500,000 votes.

### CLOSE RACE

HERE is the breakdown showing how a simple popular majority in twelve states whose electoral votes total 266 would have provided victory although popular will might have favoured the loser:

State	Electoral Votes	Total Votes
New York	47	9,310,790
Pennsylvania	35	3,704,787
Illinois	28	4,036,091
California	25	3,520,875
Ohio	25	3,153,058
Texas	23	1,150,330
Michigan	19	2,205,217
Massachusetts	10	2,009,993
New Jersey	16	1,903,761
Missouri	15	1,571,078
Indiana	13	1,072,001
Arizona	4	137,034
Totals	266	31,532,273

It is conceivable then, that a candidate in the last election could have won those 12 states by simple popular majority of the 31,532,273 votes cast in them... say 10,000,000 votes. This would establish him as winner.

Some observers are sharply critical of the Electoral College system, and point to the Hayes-

All five above are Republicans. Four have campaigned intensively in preparation for the National Convention in June. Vandenberg is a dark horse, and is mentioned as a possible compromise candidate. Wallace will run on a "third party" ticket. Harry Truman, present incumbent of the White House, has so far not been opposed as a Democratic candidate.

HENRY A.  
WALLACE



HARRY S.  
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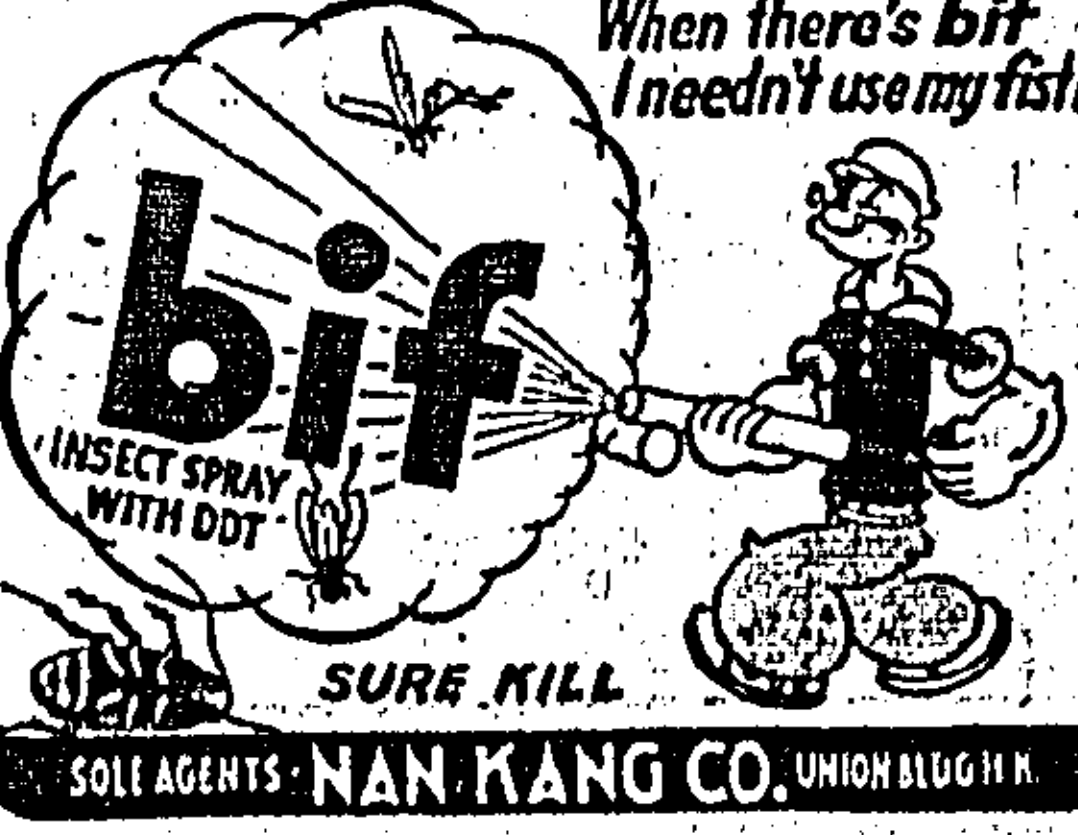
Tilden election as an example of what can happen. Not since that time, however, has a race been so close.

It is a pretty safe bet that the winning candidate this year will be elected through a majority in the Electoral College, which reflects a majority of the popular vote.

Shortly after the polling places close, the popular votes are counted. It is usually around midnight or some hours later that the popular totals are computed by states. Losing candidates seeing electoral votes mounting in the column of their opponents, concede the election when all hope is lost. The official announcement is merely a formality. (TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW)

NANCY A Perfect Example?

By Ernie Bushmiller





## Damages Reduced By \$55,000

### APPEAL SUCCEEDS

A reduction of damages from \$146,000 to \$90,000 was ordered by the Full Court this morning when Mr Justice Gould (sitting with Mr Justice Reynolds) delivered judgment in the appeal brought by the Hongkong-Canton Export Co., Ltd. against the Far Eastern Air Transport Incorporated.

Costs were awarded the appellants. The appellants were represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr F. I. Zimmerman and the respondents by Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr E. S. C. Brooks.

The plaintiffs originally claimed \$107,072. The action was for breach of contract and damages were assessed by Mr Justice Williams on March 6.

The judgment read: This is an appeal against the quantum of damages awarded in respect of the wrongful repudiation of a contract of agency by the respondents. The agency was the principal of the Hongkong business of the passenger air line known as FEAT and it is agreed that the damages to be awarded should be the estimated earnings of the agents for the year 1947, based on a commission of 5 percent of the receipts from outgoing passengers and freight. From the known earnings of the agency in respect of the last four months of 1946 and from a comparison of air traffic figures in the Colony for that period with the known figures for 1947, the plaintiffs estimate that the gross receipts for 1947 would have been \$180,000. (At one stage the plaintiffs submitted a larger estimate of over \$230,000 upon a basis which is, however, quite untenable). The defendants estimate \$175,000. From these amounts there is a deduction of \$43,000, which the plaintiffs consider would have been in fact somewhat more than their expenses for the second half of the year 1947, bringing these respective estimates down to \$146,000 and \$132,000. The amount of the actual award was \$145,000, and if nothing further was to be considered this Court would not, in the light of the principles governing appeals of this nature, interfere with that judgment. But the defendants urge that a further substantial deduction must be made by reason of the general reduction of fares from early in 1947. On this account they claim a further deduction of one-third of the estimated gross receipts (less freight receipts) which, if allowed, would bring their own estimate down to about \$70,000.

### REDUCTION IN FARES

If this last deduction is a proper one, it is plain that the sum of \$145,000 is considerably more than should have been allowed, unless it is right to take into consideration the fact that upon the correspondence it appeared almost certain that the rate of commission payable would have been raised before the end of the year. Somewhat similar principles were involved in the case of *Golders Green Co. v. Relph*, 1015 31 T.L.R. 282, where the new arrangement had actually been put into effect while here it was merely an inchoate agreement to do something at an indeterminate future date for the doing of which no local obligation existed. Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion that Counsel for the plaintiffs was right in not relying on this aspect of the matter. It appears incontrovertible therefore that an allowance must be made for the reduction in fares. From the file of correspondence, however, it appears that the reduction did not take place until late in March—vide plaintiffs' letter of March 20 and letter of March 29 from the Manila office of FEAT. This is confirmed by reference to daily papers where HK\$500 is advertised by the leading companies as the Hongkong fare from January 1 1947 to March 17. Then a reduction was made to \$500 and by March 21 there is a reduction to \$300. The deduction claimed of a full third on this account is therefore excessive though it must be noted that the January-March period was the least busy period of the year.

### UNDER MISAPPREHENSION

The basis of calculation of the damages awarded by the learned Trial Judge was not stated in his judgment, but from a perusal of part of his notes there appears to be grounds for thinking he understood the gross estimates of the opposing parties to have already allowed for the \$43,000 deduction for operating expenses. The Court has referred to the learned Acting Chief Justice on this point and is authorised to say that he was in fact under this misapprehension—a factor which would otherwise have reduced the amount of his judgment to \$102,000. As a substantial reduction must be made, the Court thinks it proper to make its own assessment. The figures are only a rough guide as it is impossible to say whether FEAT's proportion of the total traffic would have increased or diminished during the year 1947. The defendants' estimate of gross returns (\$175,000) though more carefully worked out may be no more accurate than the plaintiffs' rough estimate of \$180,000. It seems reasonable therefore to take the mean of these two figures (\$180,000) and deduct therefrom \$43,000 for expenses and \$47,000 in respect of the reduction of fares, leaving a balance of \$90,000. The sum of \$102,000 already received on account of commission has not been taken into account in view of the evidence for the plaintiffs that \$43,000 would probably

## PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



## Closing Addresses In Wood Murder Trial

### VERDICT EXPECTED LATER TODAY

This morning's proceedings before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions in the Wood murder trial were confined to closing addresses by the prosecution and the defence. The Acting Chief Justice started his summing-up after the lunch adjournment, and a verdict is expected some time this afternoon.

Three Chinese are on trial for the murder of Lyton Bards Wood, together with a companion, George Ronald Ross, were attacked and robbed by a gang of four men on a path leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on the afternoon of February 11 when out for a hike in the Kowloon hills. Ross subsequently found Wood lying dead with his face in a pool, and a large rock placed on the small of his back.

The accused are Lau Hoi (alias Lau Yun-hoi) 20, unemployed, Ho Cheuk-kui, 26, unemployed, and Li Chung-chun (alias Li Chik-sang) 32, gardener, employed at 377, The Peak.

A Special Jury, comprising leading businessmen, both British and Chinese, is empanelled.

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths, is appearing for the defence.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr A. Lansdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches.

### THE MAIN POINT

In his address to the jury, Mr Lansdale submitted that from the evidence there was an attempt made by the gang who attacked the two Europeans to conceal the two bodies so that the crime would not be detected, and there was no doubt that Wood was murdered in cold blood.

The main point in the case was whether the three accused were among the persons who attacked the Europeans. There was evidence that the first accused was seen about 12.30 p.m. on February 11 moving along the route of the robbery, and there was other evidence that the third accused had been seen previously with him.

Counsel further reminded the jury that February 11 (the second day of the Chinese New Year) was a day which would stand out in the memory of the Chinese population, and it was likely they would remember events which had occurred during the Chinese New Year holidays. Though the accused claimed that their statements had been obtained by the Police through threats and beatings, they had been held by the Court to have been made voluntarily, and Counsel submitted the jury must apply their minds to them on that basis. It was extremely unlikely that the Police officers who had given evidence in the case, all of whom had many years of experience, would jeopardise their careers in order to bring false evidence against the accused.

Referring to Ross' subsequent declaration, following the identification parade at which he failed to pick out anyone, that he thought the second accused resembled one of the men who attacked him, Counsel argued that however bitter Ross might feel over the loss of his friend, he would not allow the bitterness to override his intelligence. Speaking of the statement made by the third accused, Mr Lansdale said there was an unequivocal admission that he was present at the crime. It was, however, not a confession but an exculpation. Counsel suggested that all three accused were present at the robbery which was followed immediately by violence. He submitted that all persons aiding and abetting in the crime, whether they actually committed it or not, were equally guilty.

### DEFENCE PLEADING

For the defence, Mr Wright declared that the burden was not on the accused to prove their innocence, but on the prosecution to prove its case to the jury's satisfaction. Referring to the statements, he asked what weight should be attached to them. In considering them, they had to take into account all the circumstances of the case, including the admissibility of the statements was being thrashed out.

Quoting from *White Circumstantial Evidence*, Counsel warned against placing implicit confidence upon confessions. He emphasised that the damages awarded are accordingly reduced to the sum of \$90,000. The appeal having been successful, the costs will be paid by the respondents.

that the jury should exercise the greatest care in considering them. Because confessions were made that did not necessarily indicate that the persons who made them were guilty.

In the present case, it was the submission of the defence that the statements were completely and utterly false from beginning to end. Mr Wright then referred to certain inconsistencies between the stories contained in the statements and the evidence given by Ross. There were various other points in the statements which went to show that they were not worthy of any credence whatsoever. If the jury could not depend upon any of those statements for the truth, how could they depend upon them in deciding whether the accused were present at the scene of the crime, he asked.

Referring to the evidence of the accused that they had been coerced in their statements, Mr Wright said the jury had seen the accused in the witness-box and there was no doubt that they were dull-witted persons and illiterate, and not the type who could make up statements in the manner produced. The jury, he submitted, were not entitled on those confessions to draw the inference that each of the accused were present at the crime.

### GROUND FOR ACQUITTAL

There was the strongest grounds for acquitting the third accused, argued Counsel. He was not identified, and the alibi he had put up was one he had maintained from the first. He had stuck to the story that he spent the afternoon of February 11 with a friend, not only at the time of his arrest, but also in the committal proceedings in the Lower Court and before the jury. His employer, moreover, had testified that he was given two days holiday on February 10-11 and it was unlikely that he would have taken another day's leave without permission. Though the third accused's friend had stated in evidence that the accused had spent the afternoon of February 12 with him, Counsel submitted that the date was actually February 11.

Counsel also referred to the time factor. From the evidence the crime had been committed some time around 4 p.m. and it was utterly impossible, in his submission, for the third accused to get from the scene to The Peak by 6 p.m. when he was seen returning to the house by his employer.

Dealing with the first accused, Counsel argued that it was inconceivable that he could have made the statement attributed to him, and submitted that the jury could not attach any weight to it.

As for the second accused, Ross' identification of him was not conclusive. There was not that degree of definiteness required in a serious matter of the present nature, Counsel contended.

The case presented by the prosecution left many gaps and uncertainties, declared Mr Wright. Taking various factors into consideration, he submitted that the jury must come to the conclusion that the Crown had not brought sufficiently positive evidence to satisfy them beyond doubt of the guilt of the three accused. If there were any reasonable doubts in their minds, the law required them to resolve it in favour of the accused. The trial is proceeding.

## Gold Sewn To Brassiere

Two gold bars weighing five tael each were found sewn to the brassiere of Chan Shon-chung, 25, yesterday, said RO Knox, prosecuting at Kowloon this morning. "If that is not smuggling, I don't know what is," commented Mr Blair-Kerr, who cautioned Chan and confiscated the gold valued at \$3,300. Chan, a well-dressed young woman, of 244 Lockhart Road, pleaded that she was an overworked Chinese and had taken the gold from Canton for expenses as she could not take in enough C.N.C. She said she wanted to have the gold on her in case of a plane accident when her other possessions would be lost.



## DIFFICULT DAYS FOR SHIPPING

### Hon D. F. Landale's Comments

In the course of his speech at the Annual Meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., held at Messrs Jardine's office today, the Chairman, Hon. D. F. Landale spoke of some of the difficulties with which present day shipping companies are faced.

He said that many of the problems of transition from war to peace to which he had referred in his speech last year were still existent, though much had been done during 1947 to re-organise the Company's affairs so as to meet the changed and changing situation brought about by political and economical developments. He thought that there had been reason to hope that the year 1947 would produce some relaxations, but, in retrospect, he could not see any striking development in the Company's favour.

Despite these difficulties, said Mr Landale, "we have been able to keep our small fleet busy and remuneratively employed and I hope you will regard the result of our operating account as satisfactory."

### UNABLE TO FORECAST

He went on to say that practically every economic and social factor reflected in miniature in the complicated mechanical and social structure which made up the modern ship, which, as soon as she came into being, was faced with the task of replacing herself under different and unpropitious conditions two decades later. The inability of the shipowner to forecast his financial commitments with any degree of precision in regard to replacement had received much publicity in the shipping and financial press and divergent views had been expressed by leading figures in the industry on financial policy and the treatment of depreciation in particular.

The circumstances of no two companies were the same and he did not believe that any single set of rules could be laid down about these matters. There was no divergence, however, in the underlying principle of conservatism which pervaded financial policy throughout the industry, and in this the Company's interests had most served by their belief in exception.

The Chairman said that the Directors had continued their policy of disposing of uneconomical and obsolete units of the fleet. With the new tonnage acquired during the year, the fleet's average age now averaged nine years of age and had an average book value of £16.11.0d. per gross ton.

"This is satisfactory," he added, "and we must now look forward to the future and to the replacement of deficiencies which exist in our more important trades."

It was disclosed at the meeting that an order had been placed with Messrs Wm. Denny & Bros., for a new vessel for the Calcutta-Japan line.

## TEA PARTY FOR ALUMNI

A tea party will be given by Mr T. W. Kwok, the Special Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to the members of SJUAA and their families on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Mr Kwok's residence, No. 10 Po Shan Road. It is traditional for Alumni of St. John's University to hold a May Outing annually at the University campus in Shanghai. The May Outing at Mr Kwok's residence for the Alumni is keeping up with the old tradition of St. John's University. More than sixty Alumni and their families are expected to take part.

## Four-Week Armistice

(Continued from Page 1)

Chief subject of these talks, it was believed, would be the possible withdrawal of 37 British officers serving with the Transjordan Arab Legion.

Earlier in the day, King George had a first-hand appreciation of the Palestine situation from General Sir Alan Cunningham, former High Commissioner of the Holy Land.

These international moves were the background to heavy fighting in Palestine when Hagannah Jews renewed their onslaught on Latrun, key Arab point on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road, 20 miles from the Holy City.

As the Arabs were reinforced at Latrun—according to Jewish sources—from Sheikh Jarrah, the Jews heavily counter-attacked this quarter of Jerusalem and blew up an Arab position.

According to an Arab account, the Jews were repulsed after heavy fighting which lasted three hours. The Arabs yesterday captured Bidou Kfak, on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road, a Hagannah communique reported tonight. From this place they shelled the Jewish settlement of Maaleh Maharrisha.

### UNABATED FIGHTING

The "Jewish Air Force" bombed Arab concentrations last night in the area, the communique said.

A Tel-Aviv communique, meanwhile, stated that fighting in Jerusalem itself continued unabated on all fronts. Strong Arab Legion attempts to smash through into the Old City from the Damascus Gate were beaten off, the communique added.

Late dispatches said the Arabs launched a heavy attack on Jewish positions in the Old City—in and around the Great Synagogue—and that the arch was swathed in smoke from Arab demolition explosions. An Egyptian advance post at Beit Hanoun northeast of Gaza, was reduced, according to a Hagannah dispatch.

A Transjordan Foreign Office spokesman, meanwhile, said in Amman today the aim of the Arab nations fighting in Palestine was to set up a "United States in which Arabs and Jews could live together in equal rights and privileges."

He added that "although Jews and Arabs would belong to the same nation, legal autonomy might be granted in certain areas. 'Nobody in Transjordan wants a cease-fire, except on an unconditional surrender of the Jews and a declaration by them that they have abandoned the idea of a Jewish state', the spokesman added—Reuter.

## Played Part In Ammo Theft

The big larceny case in which a large quantity of ammunition were stolen from the Stonecutters Island in February this year was recalled today when Chan Yiu, alias "Kun Tau" unemployed, admitted before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court the charges of aiding and abetting in the theft and possession of ammunition.

Chan denied the first count of larceny of 80,700 rounds of .38 revolver and 400 rounds of .455 revolver ammunition from the Naval establishment on February 9. The charge was withdrawn against him. Defendant was sentenced to a total imprisonment of three years on the two counts.

### Ticket Scalper

Found with 17 theatre tickets in his possession, Chan Leung was fined \$200 or eight months by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning for blackmarketing the tickets. Sub-Inspector Howarth said accused made ten cents out of every 70 cents ticket he sold at the Sun Wah Theatre yesterday. He also had \$45 in his pocket. The Magistrate ordered the money to go towards the fine.

## ZBW RADIO

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Half Hour: Songs for Boys and Girls presented by Donald Fraser. (Studio) 6.25, "One Night Stand," Presented by Philip Burn (Studio); 7. Fred Hartley and His Music (BBC); 7.15, Songs by Mexican Composers (Frederick Fuller)-Baritone. (BBC); 7.30, "The End of the Play" A Mystery play by Fred Hartley (BBC); 8. World and Home News (London Relay); 8.15, "Health News" "The Destroyer" (Studio); 8.20, "Gilbert and Sullivan" "The Quaker" (BBC); 8.30, Popular Classics; 10. World and Home News (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.15, St. Paul's Suite (Hof); 10.30, The Jacques String Orchestra; 10.30, New Dance Records; 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

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# TOURISTS ALL OUT FOR 204 AGAINST LANCASHIRE

## County Replies With 108 For Three

Old Trafford, Manchester, May 27.—The Australian cricket tourists were dismissed for 204 runs in their match with Lancashire, which began here today after one blank day because of rain.

At the close of play the county had scored 108 runs for 3 wickets in reply.

Cranston continued with his two slow bowlers—Hilton and Roberts—when play was resumed after lunch with the score at 83 for 4. Both commanded respect, but more because of their accurate length than any mysterious properties of the pitch.

After a time, the batsmen settled down and Loxton drove Hilton for six, the young bowler conceding 20 runs in an over. Loxton hit several other boundaries in a vigorous 30 before Roberts deceived him. The fifth wicket added 61 runs in 35 minutes.

When Pollard bowled Hamence, six Australian wickets were down for 145 and the seventh wicket fell at 167 when Harvey, after 65 minutes at the wicket, stepped out.

### WEST INDIES CAPTAIN

Kingston, Jamaica, May 27.—J. D. Goddard, of Barbados, will captain the West Indies cricket team to tour India, Pakistan and Ceylon later this year.

Mr. D. P. Lacy, of Jamaica, Secretary of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, will travel with the party as manager.—Reuter.

### CHESS

#### BARNETT WINS

K. M. A. Barnett forged into a 1½-point lead on the other finalist in the Colony Open Chess Championship at the Peninsula Hotel last night when he won his sixth round game against L. Schure.

Both the other games, Carvalho v. Danenberg and Sequira v. Prokopenko, were adjourned in fairly even positions.

Schure opened up a strong attack on Barnett's castled king's side when the latter accepted his Centre Gambit but lacked the tempo to pull it off successfully.

A weak 28th move as Barnett began developing a counter-attack cost him quality and eventually the loss of a piece, bringing about his resignation on the 38th move.

### BASEBALL

#### St Louis Keep Up The Pace-Setting

New York, May 27.—In the National League, second baseman Red Schoendienst's two-run single highlighted a four-run ninth inning rally that enabled pace-setting Saint Louis to beat runner-up New York 9-6. Stan Musial hit a Giant Homer.

Shortstop Pee Wee Reese stole home in the fifth inning with what proved to be the winning run in Brooklyn's victory over Chicago 4-2. It was Ralph Branciano's third victory. Pinch hitter Phil Cavaretta tripled in both Cub runs in the sixth.—Associated Press.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics ended a 12-game road junket today with seven wins and five losses as Joe Coleman held the White Sox to five hits in a 7-1 victory.

It was his fifth win against one loss. The Athletics got enough runs to win when Barney McCosky singled and Elmer Valo came home on singles by Ferris Fain and Hank Majeski. White Sox second baseman Floyd Baker got two errors in the seventh to give the Athletics five more runs.

Red Sox topped Browns 5-3. One run came home when Dom DiMaggio bunted and catcher Les Moss fumbled the ball. DiMaggio went to second and second on Bobby Doerr's sacrifice and Vern Stephens' fly.

Tigers avenged themselves on Yankees 7-3 with the help of 10 walks by Yankee pitchers. Tigers were paced by rookie Vic Wertz who made four hits. Bobby Brown hit four for the Yankees and Billy Johnson three, while Yogi Berra homered off Tiger Dizzy Trout.—United Press.

### THE SCORES

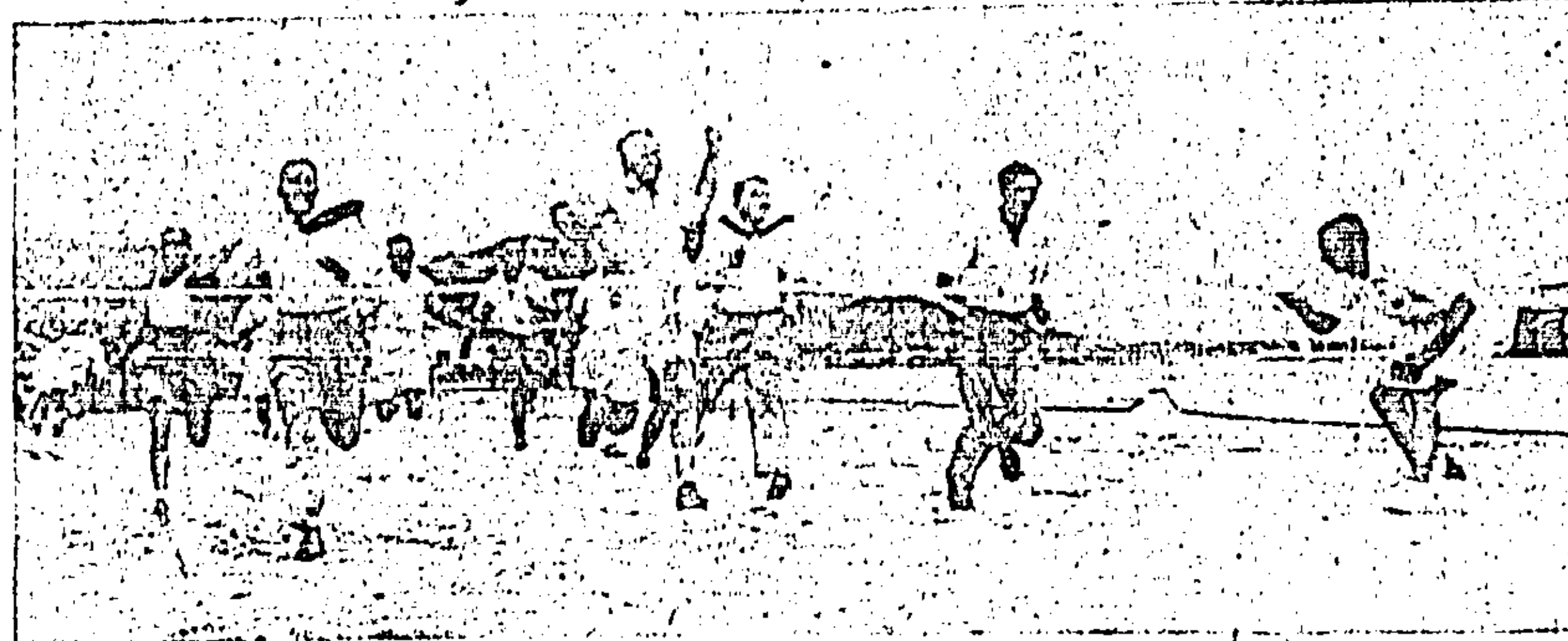
National League	R	H	E
St Louis	9	13	0
New York	6	12	1
Chicago	2	6	1
Brooklyn	4	7	2

American League	R	H	E
Philadelphia	7	7	0
Chicago	1	5	4
New York	3	12	3
Detroit	7	8	0
Boston	5	10	0
St Louis	3	7	3

### PARIS BEATS MADRID

Madrid, May 27.—The Paris University Club defeated a Madrid Students' Syndicate team 61 to 73 in a track and field contest held at University City today.—Associated Press.

## SQUADRON LEADERS PILE ON THE PACE



The Veterans' Race at the RAF Athletic Meet at Kai Tak on Wednesday for Officers and Senior NCOs. Air Commodore Webster, third from left in foreground, was well in the running but the Squadron Leaders finished one-two.

### "SEE TEE" DISCUSSES

## ENGLAND'S MOST SUCCESSFUL CONTINENTAL SOCCER TOUR

As England's professionals return from their continental tour with an unbeaten record, Great Britain's amateur footballers are now working hard at the serious business of preparation for the Olympic Games.

England's touring party of seventeen professional footballers is probably back home again after its most successful continental tour.

A full international match with Italy at the Municipal Stadium in Turin on Whit Sunday ended in a 4-0 victory for England.

The two other matches, which were not full internationals, also resulted in English victories.

A much changed England team beat a Switzerland "B" XI at Bellinzona by five goals to one on Wednesday of last week (May 19) and defeated a Schaffhausen (Swiss Second Division side) by six goals to nothing last Sunday.

Perhaps the chief features of this tour have been the remarkable brilliance of Stanley Mortensen and Frank Swift.

Mortensen is probably one of the speediest forwards in British football today. His tremendous bursts are well known by his team-mates.

Like a flash of lightning he knows all about it too! Like a flash of lightning he whipped past the Italian defence to angle a brilliant cue shot into the Italian net after only four minutes' play.

It was a rocket-like run of Mortensen's, which ended with a buck pass, from which Lawton smashed home England's second goal at Turin.

### SWIFT PLAYS HIS GREATEST GAME

While Swift was doing doughty deeds in the English goal the shadow of Mortensen was always menacing the Italian defence. Swift played

one of his greatest-ever games against Italy; for, after England had two goals in the locker, the Italians made frantic efforts to get on terms.

Swift, more than any other English player (even the great Wright included), stood between the Italians and any measure of success.

Two of Swift's saves were described as made when most other goalkeepers would have been left to pick the ball out of the net.

If Swift had a quieter match with Switzerland—he was caught off his guard late in the second half—it was because Mortensen, in company with Mannion (playing in Lawton's place at centre forward) and Pearson, gave the Switzerland "B" defence no peace at all.

Mortensen crashed a terrific drive on to the Swiss cross-bar before scoring two quick goals and presenting Pearson with another. He scored a good second half goal himself.

Although this second match with Switzerland's "B" team did not produce the formidable opposition which England had met at Turin, it was a test and a try-out for at least four of the players.

The Swiss team had quality enough: four of the players had been members of the national side which had beaten Scotland (2-1) a few days earlier.

But it was splendid opportunity to give a few of the Englishmen their first taste of international football, on the continent. It seems that most of them did well. I hear that the Southampton full back, Ramsey, fully justified his promotion to international rank.

### THE SWISS AT FOOTBALL

Although Switzerland is a country with but a small population, she has a tremendous continental football record.

Steffen, who played left back for Switzerland against England last week, is a great player.

He has the widest football experience (I believe he was with Chelsea at one time) and was the only Swiss player to be "capped" for the Rest of Europe in the game match with Great Britain at Hampden Park a year ago.

He had the misfortune to play as left back against a Stanley Matthews who was right on top of form. Nevertheless, Steffen came out with high honours.

Although last week's matches with Swiss teams were not on a full international scale, arrangements are almost complete for a full dress international match—England versus Switzerland—to be played in England on December 1st.

This means that Switzerland now takes up the great challenge to England's unbeaten home record in international matches with continental countries. The Swiss are fine footballers: they beat England at Zurich both in 1930 and in 1947.

### GREAT BRITAIN'S AMATEURS

The business of getting Britain's best possible team eleven in full trim for the Olympic Games football tournament goes on apace.

Matt Busby, ex-Scottish international and the man who had so much to do with Manchester United's great performances as cup winners and runners-up to the league champions, is now in charge of the 22 "possibles".

A third trial match takes place today at Hampden Park, Glasgow. Previous trials have been held at Portsmouth and Blackpool.

The British Olympic football committee, have accepted an invitation from the Dutch FA to send an amateur team, representing Great Britain, to play a Dutch amateur national side in Holland on Sunday, June 20. It will be a

### BADMINTON FINALS

## Robert Tay The New Colony Champion

## Saul And Gillies Win Junior Doubles

Robert Tay of Sing Tao beat his team-mate, Patrick Wong, a former Colony Champion, by a score of 2-15, 15-4, 15-12 at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night to win the Senior Singles Badminton Championship.

The gallery was tested to one of the finest exhibitions of badminton seen this year, barring the Malayan visitors, but the standard of play nevertheless left much that could be desired.

Both Tay and Patrick Wong showed considerable understanding of courtcraft but neither made much attempt at attacking his opponent's backhand and the returns, other than for the excellent drop shots when they came off, were easy enough.

Wong set a terrific pace in the first game to win easily at 15-2 but had well shot his bolt by the time the second game was half through.

He recovered in the third game sufficiently to lead 9-5 and looked, if for a bare few minutes, a winner.

Tay rallied at this point to score six aces on a single service and the rest of the game was a walk-over. Wong had so exhausted his stamina that he gave up trying to retrieve the more difficult ones.

### JUNIOR DOUBLES

KCC's S. Saul and W. Gillies proved more than a match for A. Bayot and F. M. Ribet of Reunion in the Junior Doubles Final though they lost the first game at 8-15.

Both Saul and Gillies started very nervously and the Reunion pair proceeded to carry an early 6-2 lead built up on their opponents' nerves to 15-8.

Gillies was erratic throughout and Saul was not at his best either.

It was surprising to see Bayot and Ribet, in these circumstances, go down 2-15 in the second game. The third was as much a walk-over, the KCC pair winning 9-15, 15-2, 15-4.

### EXHIBITION

In a Mixed Doubles Exhibition, Ramon Young and Miss Ullan Khoo shared two games with Marcus

Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva of Reunion at 12-15, 15-8.

### TONIGHT'S FINALS

An attraction programme concludes the Colony Open Badminton Championships at the Kowloon Cricket Club tonight.

Admission fee will be \$2.40. Tonight's games are:

Junior Men's Singles Final: S. Saul v. W. C. Chung.

Mixed Doubles Final: R. Tay & Miss W. Chung v. J. J. Remedios & Mrs. O. Silva.

Senior Men's Doubles Final: P. H. Wong & C. Au v. Low Keat Soo & S. A. Vanar.

Umpires: Messrs M. A. Oliveira, A. L. Fisher & W. Gillies.

### 29 FOR 9 HOLES

Sandwich, England, May 27.—Dick Chapman of the United States toured the first nine holes of the Sandwich Course in 29 strokes in the British Amateur today to break the record of 31 made by Charles MacFarlane of Scotland in 1914.—Associated Press.

### PARIS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

## Pigtailed Shirley Fry Upsets First-Ranking Doris Hart

## Tears As Officials Scratch Pat Todd

Paris, May 27.—The first major upset in the French lawn tennis championships occurred today when America's Whiteman Cup player, Miss Doris Hart, seeded No. 1 for the women's singles

finals, was beaten in the semi-finals by another American, Miss Shirley Fry, No. 5 in the United States rankings.

Miss Fry won 6-3, 4-6, 11-9.

Mrs Pat Todd, American holder of the women's singles title, refused to play her semi-final with Mme. Nelly Landry, of France, on court No. 2 and was scratched. Mme. Landry will now meet Miss Fry in the final.

Mrs Todd was billed to appear on the centre court, but owing to the length of the men's semi-final between Jaroslav Drobny and Budge Patty, the French Lawn Tennis Federation authorities requested her to play on Court No. 2.

Jaroslav Drobny, Czech left-hander, meanwhile, entered the men's final when he beat America's Budge Patty, 2-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 8-3.

Frankie Parker, United States No. 1, is the other men's singles finalist. Today he beat the South African champion, Eric Sturges, with surprising ease, losing only five games. He won by 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

The Committee, after scratching Mrs Todd from the competition, appeared concerned at their decision and suggested that Mme. Landry should make the final decision.

Mme. Landry was in tears while being interviewed by the Committee and very distressed by the whole situation.

The Committee suggested that the semi-final might be played tomorrow but later again changed their minds announcing that the original verdict would stand.

Mrs Todd, a 26-year-old brunette from California, is America's No. 4 women's player, Madame Landry, France's No. 1, will at the age of 32 be the first French woman to have appeared in the final of the women's singles in the French championships since 1939.

Later, Mrs Todd phoned the Committee and offered to play her semi-final match this evening on court No. 2. The Committee refused to accept, however, stating that they had already scratched her and

Madame Landry had been awarded a walk-over.—Reuter.

The announcement of the Committee's action against her was made by Rene Mathieu, Secretary General of the Committee.

French tennis officials said some of the French members of the Committee favoured reversing the Committee's decision. They later rallied, however, to the demand of F. Stowe, Vice-Chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain, that Todd be scratched.

### BEST IN YEARS

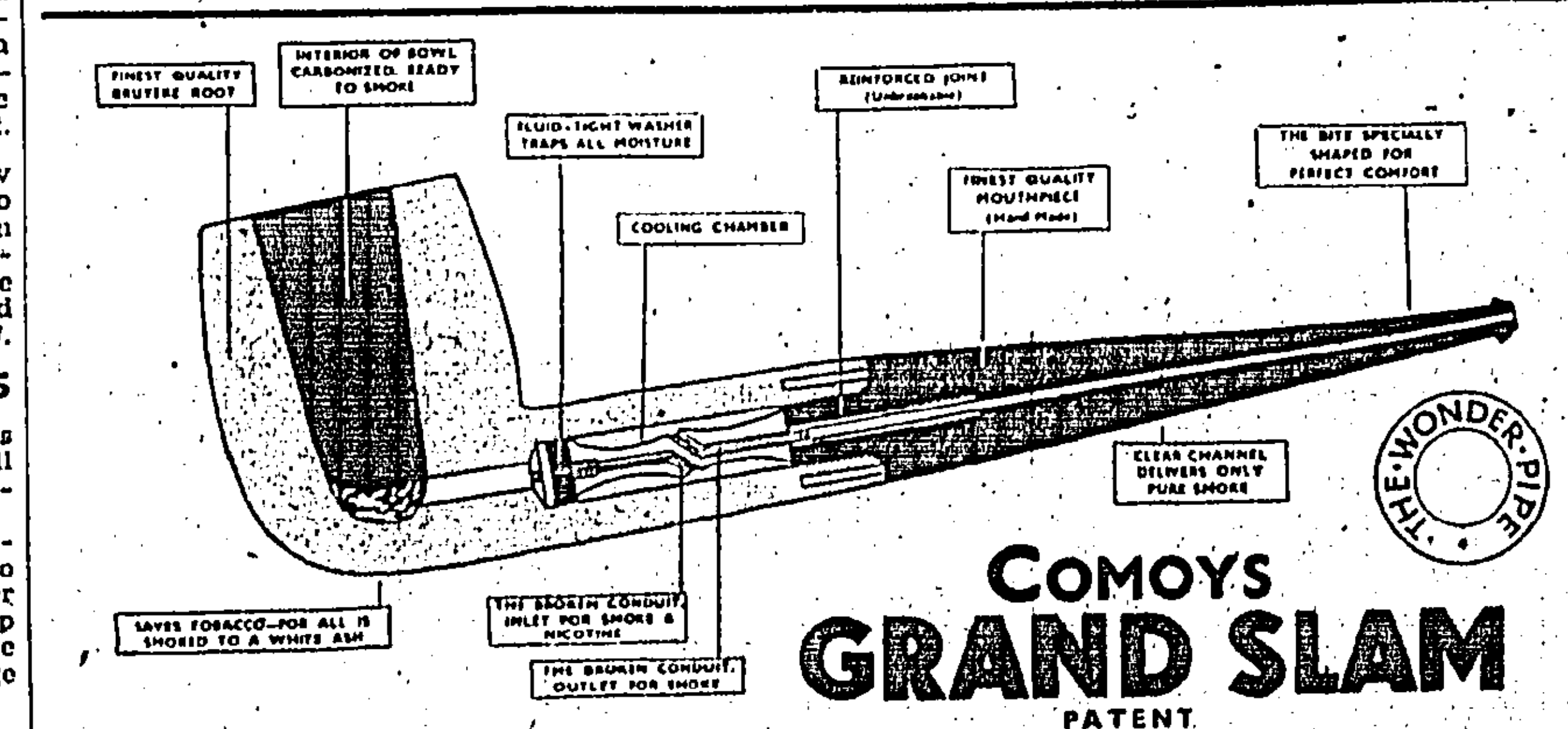
The Hart-Fry match provided some of the best women's tennis Paris has seen in years. The crowd of 5,000 cheered repeatedly especially after one rally of 32 strokes.

Twenty-year-old Shirley Fry, wearing her hair in pigtailed tied with blue ribbons, was the crowd's favourite.

Shirley began well while Doris seemed slightly off form. Both hit long drives and avoided the net throughout the match. Shirley continually played to her opponent's comparatively weak backhand.

In the second set, Doris came to life and Shirley seemed to tire after which the pair rested 10 minutes.

In the third set, Shirley took the first two games to love and the third to 30. Doris came from behind to take the next two. Doris led 5-4 but Shirley, with a series of smashes and cannonballs rallied to take the match.—United Press.



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### COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 27.—The aftermath of yesterday's rain was apparent when a start was made in the County cricket championship matches today.

Northamptonshire fared disastrously on the damp Chesham pitch against Derbyshire's medium pacer, Cyril Gladwin, and were all out for 68—the lowest total in first class cricket this season. Half the side were out for 15 and Gladwin, who helped by a strong wind, made the ball swing disconcertingly, claimed four of these wickets for eight runs, finishing with six for 30. However, Derbyshire's batsmen found the pitch still tricky when their turn came.

Surrey lost their opening bat, Eric Bedser, against Sussex at the Oval without a run being scored, but went on to top the 300. Left-hander, Laurie Fishlock, who has been chosen for the Rest in the Test-trial, was in great form. He batted four hours 20 minutes for his 132, out of 238, and hit 15 boundaries.

### THE SCORES

The close of play scores were:  
At Lords: Leicestershire 323 (Carnock 60, Riddington 66, Young 6 for 91); Middlesex 71 for 3.  
At Oxford: Warwickshire 200 (Maudsley 69, Robinson 5 for 64); Oxford University 11 for one.

At the Oval: Surrey 348 (Fishlock 132, Squires 66, Parker 64, McIntyre 60, Carey 5 for 64); Sussex six for one.

At Dudley: Worcestershire 202 (Rainsworth 71, Dewes 40, Outshoorn 65, Wright 5 for 110); Kent 80 for 2.  
At Chesterfield: Northamptonshire 68 (Gladwin 6 for 30); Derbyshire 131 for 0.—Reuter.



# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"She's awful nice, but I think a guy ought to stick to one girl—and Betty's folks always have ice cream in their deep freezer!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Would You Make 4 Spades on This?

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

YOU may wonder why West bid a spade instead of doubling. If West had doubled East would have played the contract in spades and there would be no point to my story. However, when the hand was played West bid one spade and as a result he became declarer.

Suppose you found yourself playing the West hand at four spades. Would you make the contract?

The opening lead of the queen of clubs held the trick. North continued with the jack, which also held. The natural play for North was to continue with the eight of

♠ 432	♥ 1087
♠ J105	♥ Q84
♠ 876	♥ 6
♠ QJ8	♥ 5
♠ AKJ5	♣ 1087
♠ AK6	♣ Q84
♠ Q532	♣ K104
♠ 65	♣ 1042
♠ 6	♣ 9732
♠ AJ9	♣ AK973
♠ AK973	♣ 1042

Tournament—E-W vul.  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠  
3 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠  
Opening—♠ Q 12

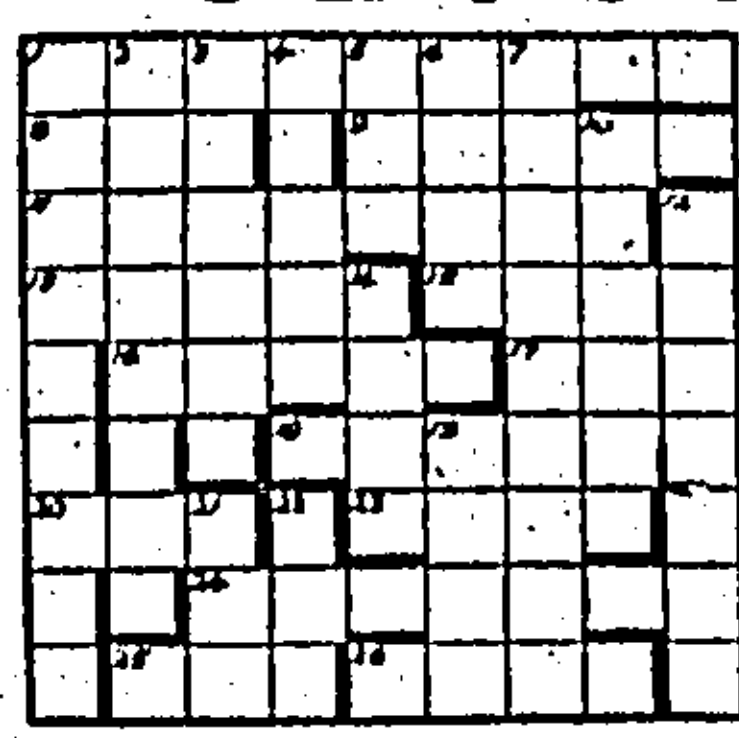
clubs. South played the king and declarer trumped with the five of spades.

West had lost two tricks, and it looked as if he might have to lose two diamonds. He cashed the ace and king of spades, then ran off three heart tricks. At trick nine he led the deuce of diamonds and went up with dummy's king. South won.

If South returned a club or a heart, declarer would trump with the jack of spades and win the last three tricks with his queen of diamonds and dummy's queen-ten of spades. However, South returned the nine of diamonds, and declarer had only one play. He had to let it ride to dummy's ten.

The contract could have been defeated if North had shifted to a diamond instead of playing the third club. But that is what is called a "double dummy" play. The problem in bridge is to make the most of every opportunity given you, and that is what declarer did.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Over a tank (anag.). (9)  
2. It has some catching ways. (10)  
3. Break up on the shore. (8)  
4. This pen is the last but one. (11)  
5. The most I make is damp. (10)  
6. It upsets the lion. (4)  
7. Holes. (15)  
8. You may have to do this before your quarry enters the hole. (10)  
9. Set this way during the war. (11)  
10. Set.

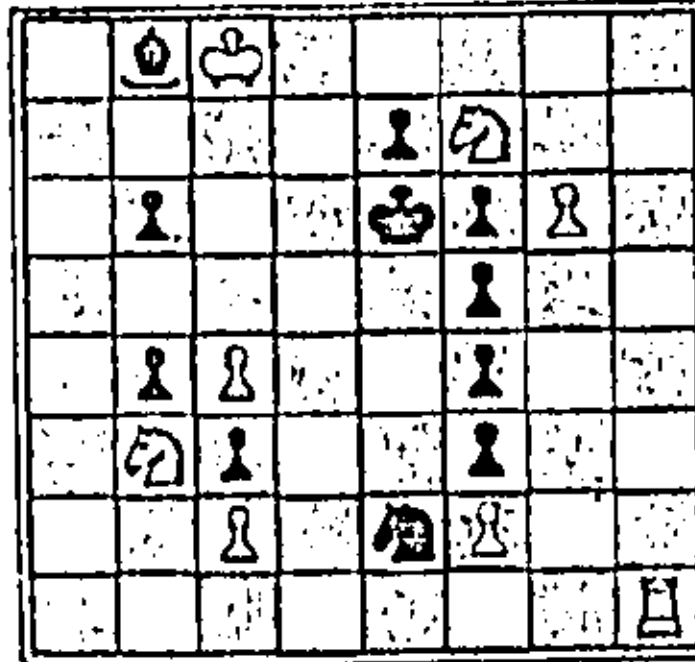
Down  
1. A menu tree (anag.). (9)  
2. With a bicycle pump you may sound to be here, but we notice from (9)  
3. It's the pose I balance. (10)  
4. Only needs "a" for free postage. (3)  
5. Care free (anag.). (9)  
6. Fill. (6)  
7. Where you should find the portable shelter. (4)  
8. Prove that this can be made from meat. (4)  
9. Home this for a good policy. (11)  
10. It's a charge. (3)

Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. R—KK(3), any; 2. Kt (rh. dis ch. or dbl ch) mates.

## CHESSE PROBLEM

By P. KEIRANS

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R—KK(3), any; 2. Kt (rh. dis ch. or dbl ch) mates.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

BORN today, you are very impulsive and adventuresome. You are probably a little too fond of games of chance. You should curb this tendency since it can run away with your common sense. It is likely that you will be quite psychic and your "hunches" are stronger than average. Your dreams may even be significant and you might learn to interpret them. However, treat all this with moderation and be guarded against becoming fanatic along these lines.

It is likely that you will have literary talents, especially in the field of poetry. Use your imagination constructively along these channels and you can become very successful. You are fond of all animals and seem to have a way guarded against becoming fanatic with them. You men might make excellent animal trainers and you might do well in kennels of pedigree animals—dogs and cats or you

may even find you are happy running a racing stable, for you are also fond of horses.

Both you men and women enjoy society and make excellent hosts and hostesses. You like having people around you and your home probably will be the centre of the social life of your community. You probably will want a large family of your own, too, and an early marriage should be a very happy one. If you were denied children of your own, you would want to adopt several and bring them up from earliest infancy as your own.

You have the prospects of a successful and happy life, for you enjoy living and will put forth your efforts to see that you get exactly what you want out of life. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A good business day and one in which you might profitably conclude a new contract or agreement with others.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Opportunity for expansion denotes added activity on the business front. Draw upon all your resources.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Use this day for romance, if so inclined, for this can be a happy, social day. Finish any business early this morning.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be very fair in all your business dealings and don't take advantage of others. You benefits should then increase.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Partnership dealings, especially in business matters are highly favoured. Romance is auspicious, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Business and romance appear to go hand in hand today. Perhaps your business partner is a marriage partner as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A wedding is at hand—yours or a friend's. It is an auspicious time for such a celebration, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Solid business plans can be put into operation at this time. They should prove beneficial to all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Hold the line for now on new business ideas. Establish the operations of plans already made for best success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 21)—A fine day for a romance! A friendship might blossom into real love. Make plans for a wedding.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A day for recreation and enjoyment. Try not to let business intrude into your week-end plans.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't make the mistake of over-estimating your demands today. If you are moderate, you will get what you want.

## AROUND THE WORLD:

### Trip to Delightful Belgium

By TEMPLE MANNING

REPORTS from abroad may differ as to conditions in many lands, but agree entirely that Belgium is a comparative oasis of joy and plenty in a desert of misery and want.

We are happy that this is so and we are glad that so many tourists bound for Europe this year plan to spend some of their time in Belgium. They won't regret one moment of their stay. From North to South, and from East to West, towns, villages, castles and churches and buildings are scenic and architectural gems, many filled with priceless art treasures.

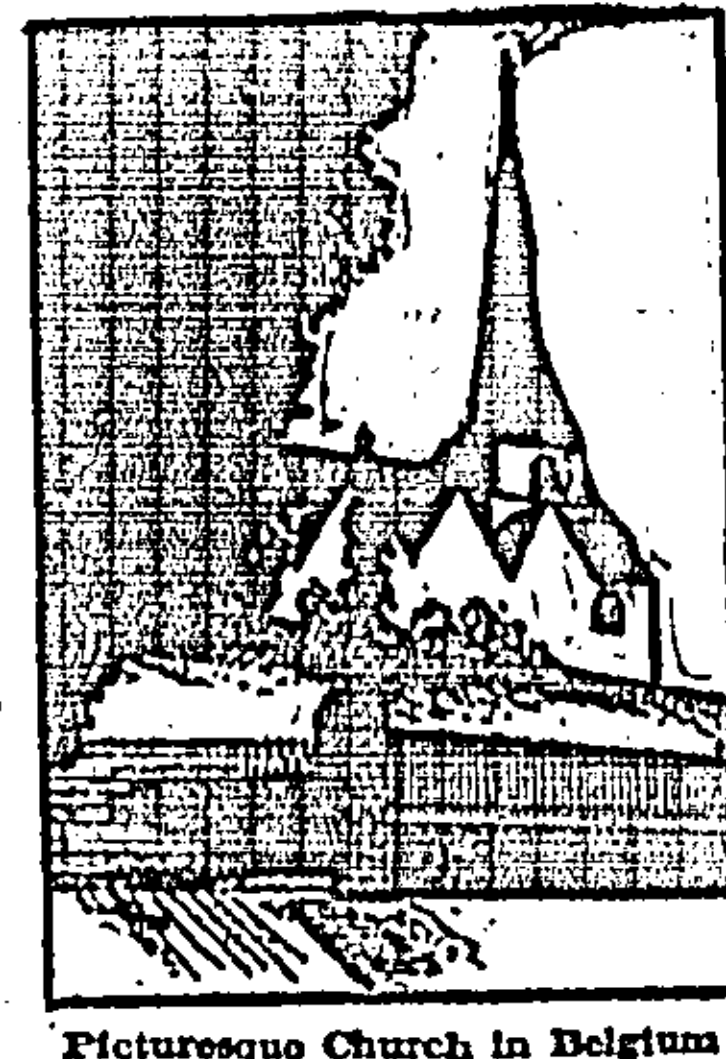
We recall fondly lovely Bruges, with the square tower of the bell tower and the massive spire of Notre Dame and Saint-Sauveur towering red-roofs—huddling—close together between the green net-work of its canals. Its museums houses many fine paintings by the old Flemish masters.

The Lace-Makers. In our memory book, too, is the picture of the lace-makers at work sitting on the stools of the ancient houses and we remember glorious Ghent, with its quays and embankments lined with ancient buildings.

Churches and convents are filled with works of art. In the mighty St. Bavon Cathedral is Van Eyck's masterpiece, "The Adoration of the Lamb." The Abbey of Eloy, with its beautiful old cloisters, is one of the finest of European museums, both for its building and contents.

We are glad to learn that there has been such a quick and remarkable repair job on Antwerp, that most interesting of ports, as famous for its artistic associations as it is for its commerce, its shipping, its diamond-cutting and diamond trading.

The famous Notre-Dame tower dominates the harbour and the town.



Picturesque Church in Belgium

Another dominating landmark is a skyscraper made up of gigantic cubes, a most interesting piece of modern architecture. Museums, treasure-packed, are hidden amid the trees of lovely parks. One of our favourite museums, a perfect example of a museum anywhere is the Plantin sixteenth century printing house.

Then there is Liege stretching down from the hills in the Wallon district towards the river Meuse. The lovely spires and domes of the skyline of Liege, the court of the Prince-Bishop where the splendours of yesterday are brought to life, its numerous city squares dotted with trees and beautiful fountain statuary, make Liege a delight for the lover of the Beautiful.

On the banks of the Meuse are such towns as Huy and Namur, their narrow streets topped by lofty citadels. Then there is Mons where Sainte-Waudry and the ancient Town Hall play their parts in wondrous pageants.

Another gem is Tournai, a royal city rich in aristocratic old mansions, ancient churches, art galleries, archaeological and historical treasure. And we aren't forgetting Brussels, but that must keep for another day!

## OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Closing Times By Air  
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peking, Amoy, Foochow and Swatow, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train  
Hankow (Sea) 3 p.m.  
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## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, well, well, the Clerk of the Weather's certainly passed a very well crafted minute into our in-tray this morning—eh, Melhuish?"

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE recent Portsmouth declaration that if children acted "Dick Whittington" in their everyday clothes it would not be a play, but that if stage costumes were worn the children would be fined, proves, if further proof were needed.

By the Theatres Act of 1843 a concert singer who sings in an unlicensed hall, while wearing a false nose is an actor. If it's his real nose he is not. Any common informer is entitled to steal on to the platform and twerk the nose of the singer, to see if it will come off. An amateur reciter who wears a comic stage hat in a licensed hall counts as a professional, within the meaning of the Act. And "Hamlet," played in modern dress by performing animals in an unlicensed hall?

Flight of something at dawn

FOULENOUGH had been celebrating the sale of a "Street Scene in Algiers" when he was called into the gallery to deal with a great big lady in a tiny hat. She wanted to know why No. 47 in the catalogue was called "Flight of Widgion at Dawn." She complained that all she could see was a number of thin sheep in a wood. "Perhaps it's 'Flight of Women at Dawn,'" said Foulough. "Why women?" asked the lady. "For the same reason as widgion, I suppose," said Foulough. "But it says widgion," persisted the lady. "Perhaps," said Foulough, "all women look like widgion to this artist, and vice versa." The lady grew red with anger. "I don't see any women or any widgion," she shouted. "Then what are you worrying about?" asked Foulough. "Time enough to fuss when you keep seeing widgion and women where there are only sheep."

## O'er tilth and glebe

I HAVE not yet heard the cuckoo, but during a short walk yesterday I observed a Great Skewer, two Hush-Faced Cranes, a Boateater, a tiny Beercrest, a Sedge-Driveller, a Stringtail, a Snudgeon, a Horsefinch, and, unless I was mistaken, a Long-nosed Puddingpecker.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Because it contains all six nutrients: fat, sugar, protein, minerals, water and vitamins. 2. On the head and neck. 3. A strait between Haiti and Puerto Rico. 4. Mecca, birthplace of Mohammed. 5. Giuseppe Verdi. 6. No. It has been known since 1874 but was not used commercially until 1939.



"Poor kid, I wish we could afford to get her a few new dresses."

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### Fertiliser Loans To Kwangtung Farmers

Canton, May 27.—Kwangtung Province will have 3,000 tons of chemical fertilisers out of the post-UNRRA programme of a total of 140,000 tons for China. It is loaned today from a reliable but unofficial source.

## HONGKONG SHARES

A feature of this morning's trading on the Hongkong Stock Exchange was the transfer of 52 shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at \$2120, with further buyers at \$2120.

Turnover totalled \$503,000. The morning's transactions and noon

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	2120	62	2120
Union	775	785	150
Underwriters	815	303	
HK Fire			
DOCKS, ETC.			
Wharf (S)	133		
Dock	33		
Provident	234	24	500
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	1814	1815	100
HK Land	834	100	834
Shui Land	5		
Humphreys	5		
UTILITIES			
Star Ferry	234	241	2000
C. Light (O)	127		100
Electric	24	245	100
Macao Electric	491	60	1000
Sandakan Light	20		500
Telephone (O)	12		700
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	46	46	1000
STORES, ETC.			
Watson (Old)			500
COTONS			
Ewo			500
MISCELLANEOUS			
Entertainment	38		

Available as a first allotment will be 84,000 tons out of which 64,000 tons will be for Formosa, and the remainder 20,000 will be for China proper.

As loans to farmers 15,000 tons will be allotted and 6,000 tons will be available for the Government, farms and other organisations in Kwangtung, Kiangsu, Chekiang and Fukien provinces in the form of commercial loans.

Apart from the 3,000 tons for Kwangtung, Fukien will get 1,000 tons, Kiangsu 600 tons and Chekiang 400 tons. The distribution is in accordance with the needs of the respective areas.

As there is no fertiliser guild in Canton, the Shanghai guild is taking care of the matter through the information supplied on request of leading foreign importers before the war.

In view of the forthcoming supply from the United States, fertiliser figures were not on the last import quota.—Associated Press.

## JAP SILK EXPERTS IN AMERICA

New York, May 27.—American and Japanese silk industry experts are conferring on a mutual trade problems for the first time since the war.

Representing Japan are eight leading silk industrialists and government technicians. Accompanied by two officials of the Textile Division of the American occupation forces and a Japanese interpreter, they arrived on Monday night by plane from Tokyo.

The delegation is en route to attend the international silk conference which starts at Lyon on June 7.

Officials of the American Silk Council and the New York office of SCAP met the Japanese yesterday. It was the first of several similar conferences scheduled for the next few days.

Robert A. Hickerson of SCAP's Tokyo Textile Division is in charge of the Japanese delegation. Its members include presidents of three Japanese silk firms Soyoye Silk, Gunze and Katatuna.—Associated Press.

## RUBBER MARKET PRICES

New York, May 27.—Rubber futures closed 10 points lower to 10 higher on sales totalling 50 contracts.

There was some activity attributed to steadiness at the primary markets.

Prices closed as follows:	
June (in cents per lb.)	22.30 nominal
July	21.85 bid
August	21.75 nominal
September	21.65 nominal
October	21.55 nominal
November	21.45 nominal
December	21.35 nominal
January (1949)	21.25 nominal
February	21.15 nominal
March	21.05 nominal
April	20.95 nominal
May	20.85 nominal
June	20.75 nominal
July	20.65 nominal
August	20.55 nominal
Spot	20.45 nominal

—United Press.

## CHINA PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

New York, May 27.—China produce in the following:

Commodity	Price
Aniseed oil, per lb. F.O.B.	0.75/00
New York, per lb. F.O.B.	2.25/2.50
Cash oil, per lb. F.O.B.	0.24/0.25
Tung oil, in tank (per lb.)	0.24/0.25
F.O.B. New York	0.24/0.25
Santalwood, in drums, depending on quantity & quality	12.75 nominal
Agar agar, per lb. F.O.B. New York	3.00/3.10
Beryllium, (10 to 12 per cent)	16.00/18.00
Malayopium, (50 per cent) per lb.	0.45 nominal

—United Press.

## CHINA BRISTLES

Bristles, F.O.B. New York, per lb. as follows:

Commodity	Price
Hankow, regular assortment 3.70 nominal	
Shanghai regular assortment	2.50
ments	2.50
Chungking regular assortment	2.50
ments	2.50
Tientsin, 20's regular	0.10 asked
Tientsin, 20's regular	0.10 nominal

—United Press.

## Textile Adviser For China

Tokyo, May 27.—H. S. Tate, who recently resigned from his post as Textile Division chief of the SCAP Economic and Scientific Section, left by air for China today to become textile adviser to the Ministry of Economic Affairs. He will work closely with the Textile Control Commission.—Central News.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Commodity	Price
Chinese dollar (per CNP 1 m.)	4.60
Sterling notes (per £1)	14.20
U.S. dollars (per US\$1)	5.15
Gold bars (per 100)	329.00
Plaster (per 100)	10.90
Rice (per 100)	25.70
Net (per 100)	25.70

## Bombay Cotton

Bombay, May 27.—Closing prices for Jarilla (in rupees):—

Commodity	Price
July	7.50
September	7.02

—United Press.

## BLACK PEPPER MARKET

New York, May 27.—Black pepper futures closed inactive and nominally unchanged.

Grinders and dealers met little success in their attempt to locate additional supplies in the spot market as sellers were cautious in view of the uncertainty of shipments from producing centres.

Commodity	Price
Prices closed as follows:	
July (in cents per lb.)	47.00 nominal
September	46.00
October	45.00
November	44.00
December	43.00
January (1949)	42.00
Spot (World)	41.00
Spot (Domestic)	40.00
May	39.00
Spot (White Munkle)	60.00 asked
Spot (White Munkle)	60.00 nominal



# Bevin To Make Statement On Palestine

London, May 27.—Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Herbert Morrison promised the House of Commons today that the Foreign Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin would make a statement in the House either tomorrow or Monday about Palestine.

Mr Samuel Silverman, Labour, urged for a full-fledged Palestine debate. Mr William Gallagher, Communist, suggested that it should be made the subject of a vote of confidence in Mr Bevin.

## COURAGE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

### Dramatic Wartime Disclosures

New York, May 27.—The unqualified determination of the Royal Family, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and the whole British Government to stay in Britain and go down if necessary under a Nazi invasion was disclosed in an article based on the secret papers of Mr Harry Hopkins, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal assistant, published in Colliers Magazine here today.

The article, written by Mr Robert Sherwood, famous playwright and another of Mr Roosevelt's wartime assistants, declared that Mr Churchill had told Mr Roosevelt that "if Britain went down, he and his Government would perish with it."

Mr Hopkins said that he learned that the British Government did not have even a skeleton staff for evacuation to Canada or anywhere else.

He claimed that Mr Churchill believed that "if the United Kingdom fell, the Empire would be ended at least temporarily—and the leadership of the remaining units of the British Commonwealth would pass to Washington."

### QUEEN'S REPLY

He quoted Queen Elizabeth as declaring, in response to suggestions that the Princesses be evacuated, that "the Princesses could never leave without me—and I could never leave without the King. Of course, the King will never leave."

Other dramatic writings of Anglo-American relations in the crucial opening days of the last war contained in Mr Hopkins' papers were contained in Mr Hopkins' sent a dramatic message to Mr Roosevelt in the summer of 1940—a year and a half before Pearl Harbor—appearing to him to bring the United States into the war as the only means by which France might be saved.

In the same period he asked Mr Roosevelt that the United States Navy should take over the Singapore base, but warned that the British Army and when the British Fleet would be liquidated in the defence of the homeland, and if a successful Nazi invasion of Britain should take place.

Much of Mr Hopkins' information was pulled from the voluminous papers between Mr Roosevelt and Mr Churchill at that period.—Reuter.

## BRAWL RUINS FILM CAREER

Cannes, May 27.—Pretty Russian-born Mrs Anna Hanotova, 25, was today awarded 25,000 francs damages as a result of a night club brawl in which flying crockery cut her in three places and, she said, ruined her film career.

The award, which may be increased after a two months' study by a committee of experts, is against 26-year-old Mrs Edward Harris, said to be the daughter of a London bookmaker.

Mrs Hanotova had asked for 20,000,000 francs damages. She said that a plate, broken in the scuffle, cut her face, shoulder and chest. In court her lawyer produced a letter from an Italian film company saying that she could not be hired because of the scars.—Associated Press.

## Good Anglo-US Relations

Southampton, May 27.—Retiring Ambassador Lord Inverchapel on his arrival today from New York said that there had been an "immense change for the good" in Anglo-American relations during his two years' stay in office in Washington.

"I take no credit for it," he added, "but there has been a very marked growing together." Stating that the preliminary talks on Palestine were "perfectly friendly," Lord Inverchapel characterized the job of Ambassador in Washington as "very tough." He said he planned to leave soon with Chilean born Lady Inverchapel for his home in Scotland where he shall do absolutely nothing until I want to and then I may do a bit of writing.—Associated Press.

Mr Morrison reserved his decision on both points. A Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain's attitude toward the Arab reply and recommendations for any further action would be discussed by Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain's representative in the Security Council at Lake Success.

The spokesman said: "We cannot say yet what our point of view will be. The Arab reply will be studied here and new instructions will be going out to Sir Alexander."

"We believe that the Arab offer to consider any further proposals within the 48-hour period ending on Friday night, means that the Arab Foreign Ministers will remain in Amman during that period."

### PUBLIC EXASPERATION

The British public and press in the meantime are becoming increasingly exasperated with Mr Bevin's Palestine policy. The Times, Daily Mail and Manchester Guardian all demanded again for Britain to withdraw its 21 regular army officers from Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion.

Informal sources believed that the Cabinet has authorized Mr Bevin to recall the 21 officers loaned to Trans-Jordan under the Anglo-Trans-Jordan Alliance if the Arabs rejected the truce appeal. Foreign sources said today however, that Mr Bevin has still apparently not definitely made up his mind to recall them.

Mr Bevin is believed to be still fuming over President Truman's recent intimation of an American loan and arms for Israel. He thought that the report has helped the Arabs to decide against a truce.

The Times bluntly said: "Steps must be taken to ensure that British officers are no longer associated with Arab operations in the Holy Land."

The Manchester Guardian went further: "The only way to prove our innocence is for Mr Bevin to make a full statement withdrawing all support for the Arab League, stopping all supplies of arms while fighting continues and withdrawing the few British officers still with the Arab Legion. Sooner or later too, Mr Bevin must drop his hostility to Israel."

### TART COMMENT

The Daily Mail tartly said: "Mr Bevin's decision to recall the 21 officers loaned to Trans-Jordan under the Anglo-Trans-Jordan Alliance if the Arabs rejected the truce appeal, is a move which will do little to improve his popularity in the Arab world. And it is that that is what he should be aiming at."

Source close to the Foreign Office doubted that even if Britain recalls its officers from the Arab Legion, it also would stop immediately the £2,000,000 a year military subsidy and suspend the arms shipments to Trans-Jordan.

They believed that a suspension of these clauses of the Anglo-Trans-Jordan Treaty would have to await some resolution in the Security Council blaming the Arab States for breach of peace in Palestine.—United Press.

## Dean Reproves Critics

London, May 27.—Doctor A. C. Don, Dean of Westminster, one of Britain's foremost clergymen, today reproved critics of Princess Elizabeth's Sunday rearing and night clubbing in Paris.

He accused the critics of "narrow Sabbatarianism."

He told the lower House of the convention of Canterbury that he "deplored expressions such as those contained in recent resolutions adopted mainly by Scottish religious groups, censuring the Princess and Prince Philip for their Sunday relaxation in Paris."

Meanwhile, copies of some of the resolutions have been delivered and formal acknowledgments sent without comment on behalf of the Prime Minister. Mr Clement Attlee, a spokesman said that No. 10 Downing Street had also received many letters from persons the country over defending the Princess and her husband.—Associated Press.

## Bernadotte On The Way

Paris, May 27.—Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator for Palestine, left Le Bourget airport this morning on the first leg of his plane trip to the Holy Land.

Count Bernadotte, at the head of a delegation of 11 men, took off in a specially chartered Dakota transport. The first stop is the Rome airport, officials said.

The plane carried no registration number marked under its wings. It was painted white and bore a red cross and the United Nations insignia as a safety measure.—United Press.



## Want To Film Life Of Gandhi

### British And Indian Producers Interested

New York, May 27.—Film producers both in Britain and India were interested in making a film of the life of Mahatma Gandhi, Mr Ezra Mir, Indian film producer, said here today. He added that he might attempt the biography on his return to India next autumn.

Mr Mir, who is at present touring the United States, said that a new impetus had been given to film production in India since the end of the British rule. Although activity had fallen off slightly from the peak wartime rate of 300 full-length films per year, "it is only the lull before a new production boom."

Film screenings at the 1,700 cinemas throughout India were reaching only 20 per cent of the country's vast population, but in five years there would be over 5,000 cinemas in operation, he predicted.

The Indian Government, he said, was aware of the tremendous educational potentialities of the screen in promoting industrialization, hygiene and literacy.

The motion picture theatre boom would begin as soon as conditions settled on the India continent.

Mr Mir is surveying latest developments in film techniques and equipment used in the United States. He will leave for Hollywood towards the end of June.—Reuter.

## Werewolf Chief Arrested

Hamburg, May 27.—Ferdinand Esser, a major alleged to have been detailed to organise the Werewolf resistance troops in the Brunswick area in 1944 and 1945, has been captured in Hamburg after a seven-week search by the British Zone Police today.

Peter Behrens who is also wanted for the beating of anti-Nazi before the war, was discovered working in Hamburg's city waterworks.

The authorities have been looking for Behrens for months but intensified their search during the last seven weeks following the arrest of his former chief and one time minister of Brunswick, Dietrich Klagges.

It is alleged that Behrens as early as 1933 was responsible for the shooting of 11 resistance men in cold blood during the "Riesenberg" purge in the Brunswick area.—United Press.

## Phone Service To Be Restored

London, May 27.—Telephone communication with Spain and Gibraltar by land line will reopen on May 31, the Postmaster General announced today.

The line will be extended to the Balearic Islands of Goceira and Mellilla in North Africa and the Canary Islands.

The minimum charge for a three minute call from the United Kingdom to Spain or Gibraltar will be 18s. 6d. instead of the present 21 shillings.—United Press.

SHOWING MAJESTIC At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.



## Missionaries Fall Into Hands Of Chinese Reds

### CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS GUTTED

Peiping, May 27.—Refugees from Red Manchuria reported today that at least five of 21 Canadian priests and nuns caught behind Communist lines in the Szepeingai region north of Mukden are under house arrest or imprisonment. Catholic quarters say there is no news of the others.

Headed by Bishop Louis Lapiere of the Quebec Foreign Mission, the priests have seen their church, hospital, school and other buildings in Szepeingai completely gutted in three sanguinary battles for the strategic railway hub, the refugees said.

Six Canadian sisters at Linoyuan, 50 miles west of Szepeingai, were detained in the upper part of their school building, but recently have been allowed to operate a dispensary, they added.

Fathers Alphonsus Couette, Paul-Emile Lachapelle and Lucien Lafond are being held under house arrest at Paichentze, near Szepeingai, according to these reports, while Father Antonio Bonin and Brother Laurent Beaudre are in prison at Linoyuan.

### "PEOPLE'S TRIALS"

Catholic quarters are also concerned over the safety of Chinese priests and nuns, some of whom reportedly have been jailed or brought before "people's trials." One sister was tried when she stayed behind advancing Communist lines to take care of 20 orphans, according to missionary information here.

Thirty-nine priests of the Quebec Foreign Mission were interned by the Japanese in 1941, but were later repatriated. Seventeen returned to the area in 1946.

In addition to Bishop Lapiere, the priests who remained in Szepeingai after its fall were Father Laurent Pilon, Brothers Placide and Bourgeois—all three Clerks of St. Bourgeois—and Father Joseph Gletstein of the Swiss Bethlehem Mission Society.

### SWISS INTERVENTION

Swiss efforts to secure the release of 30 other Swiss priests and nuns held by the Communists in North Manchuria show little hope of success, it was reported here. A scheme to secure the good offices of a private Soviet citizen as an emissary have come to naught, according to these reports.

The Communists a few months ago announced that some of the Swiss priests have been imprisoned at Taitshar, 175 miles northwest of Harbin, for "espionage." Recently a Communist broadcast said the Reds are investigating espionage charges against all 11 French priests held at Sienhsien, 120 miles south of Peiping. A Chinese priest who fled from Sienhsien said the priests had been forced to write a page of "confessions" daily for 50 to 70 days, were denied sleep until they fulfilled their daily "quota," and were grilled endlessly.

There are also Swiss sisters and German nuns at Yenki, 220 miles east of Changchun. There has been no news of them since a year ago, where they were reported to be in poor physical condition.—United Press.

## Soviet Protests Rejected

Washington, May 27.—The United States today rejected as unfounded a series of Soviet protests alleging interference by American planes with commercial navigation over waters adjoining Japan.

A State Department statement giving details of the American reply delivered two days ago in Moscow, declared:

"In no single instance in the more than 50 cases in which objection has been made by the Soviet Government was there evidence, either from the Soviet notes or from investigations undertaken by the United States authorities, that the aircraft in question were in such an altitude or position that they constituted any interference with commercial navigation."—Reuter.

## Marshall Lists Soviet Obstructions

Washington, May 27.—The Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, has sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a list of Russian actions which are said to have prevented a just peace being attained.

The list is reported authoritatively to cover about three dozen or more violations by Russia of agreements made during recent years with the United States and various other Governments.

Marshall sent the list in response to a resolution in the Senate by Republican Senator Homer Capehart which asked for the details to support President Truman's statement in a message to Congress on March 17 that one nation had persistently violated its international agreements and thereby blocked a just world peace.

State Department officials said today that if the document is made public, it almost certainly will prove to be by the Foreign Relations Committee or by Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Committee's Chairman.

It is reported that the document is concerned mainly with agreements made by the Allied powers at Yalta and at Potsdam and in Allied Control Councils in the Balkan states and Central Europe.

Apparently none of the violations charged against the Soviet Union is new.—Reuter.

## LOW INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Adelaide, S. Australia, May 27.—Infant mortality rate of 24.27 per 1,000 in 1947 in this state is believed to be the lowest in the world. The statement was made by Dr Helen Mayo, chief medical officer of the Mothers and Babies Health Association.—United Press.

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